




Molly Wei

NJ senator calls for anti-bully law after suicide

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Colleges should adopt a code of conduct that prohibits bullying and harassment in the wake of the suicide of a Rutgers University student whose gay sexual encounter in his dorm room was streamed online, U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg said at a town meeting on campus. Lautenberg, D-N.J., told the crowd gathered Wednesday night in memory of 18-year-old freshman Tyler Clementi that he would introduce such legislation. Clementi jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River on Sept. 22 after the intimate images of him with another man were broadcast. His body was identified days later.

Clementi's roommate, Dharun Ravi, and another Rutgers freshman, Molly Wei, both 18, have been charged with invasion of privacy, and authorities are weighing whether bias crime charges should be added.

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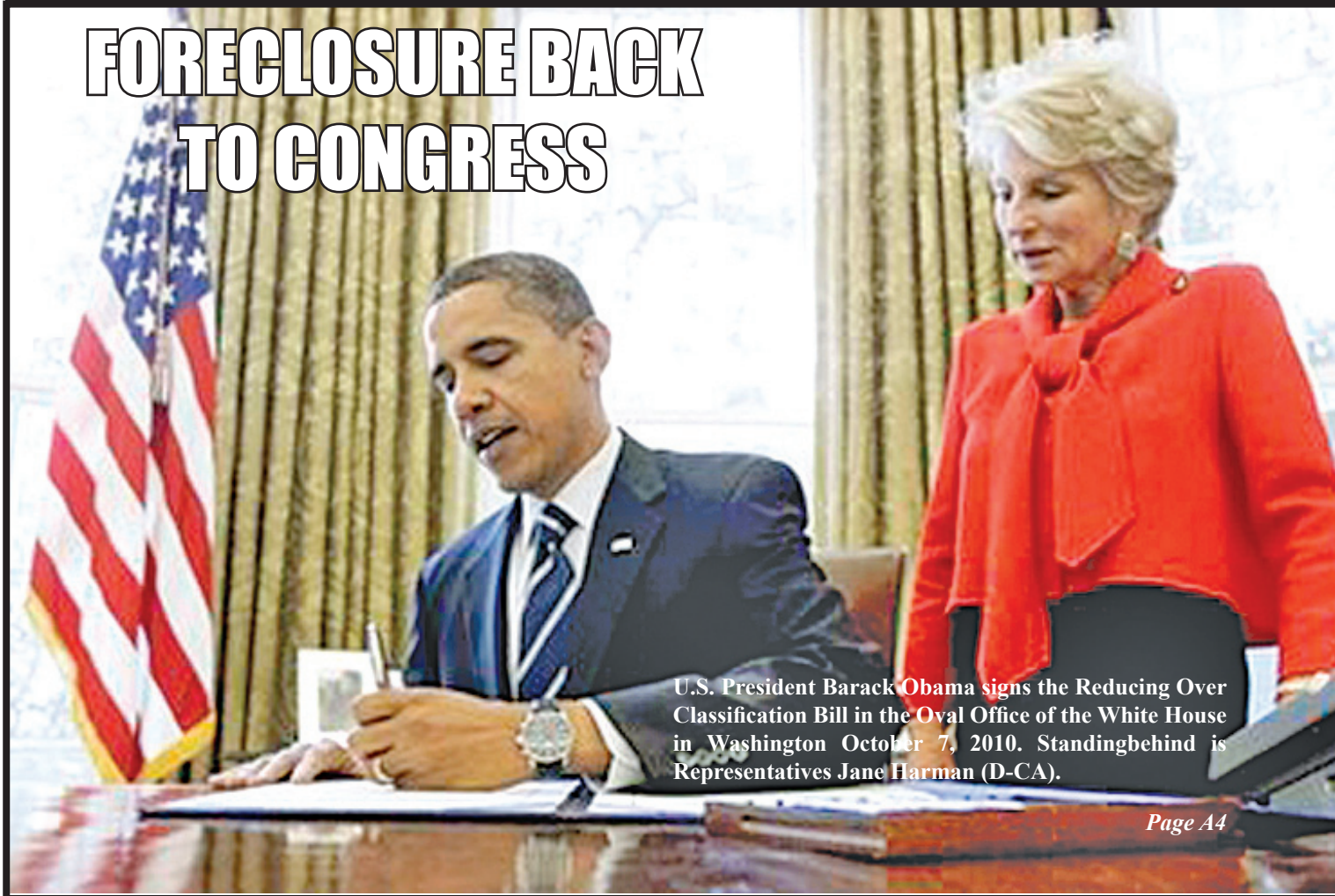
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Report: 1 M Haitians in 1,300 squalid camps



A woman carries a child between tents at a refugee camp in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday Sept. 30, 2010. The magnitude-7 earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010 killed a government-estimated 300,000 people and left millions homeless.

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer
UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A refugee-advocacy group said Thursday that more than 70 percent of camps in Haiti, home to an estimated 1.3 million earthquake victims, lack proper international management nearly nine months after the disaster, leaving them at increased risk of sexual and gang violence, hunger and forced eviction. Washington-based Refugees International said researchers visiting Haiti found that few of the roughly 1,300 camps they studied had International Organization for Migration-appointed officials to turn to for help and protection and are unable to communicate or coordinate with the international humanitarian community.

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Suburbs take hit as US poverty climbs in downturn



WASHINGTON — The American suburb is no longer a refuge from poverty in cities.

A pair of analyses by the nonprofit Brookings Institution paints a bleak economic picture for the 100 largest metropolitan areas over the past decade and in coming years, and finds that suburbs now are home to one-third of the nation's poor, and rising. The study of census data finds that since 2000, the number of poor people in the suburbs

jumped by 37.4 percent to 13.7 million. The growth rate of suburban poverty is more than double that of cities and higher than the national rate of 26.5 percent.

At the same time, social service providers are spread thin in many suburban areas, according to a detailed Brookings survey of groups in representative metropolitan areas of Chicago, Los Angeles and the District of Columbia. That has forced providers to turn away many poor people

due to scarce aid that typically goes to cities first.

"Millions of Americans at all income levels moved to the suburbs looking for better schools, better jobs, affordable housing, and a sense of security, but in recent years, as incomes have fallen, people had a harder and harder time making ends meet," said Scott Allard, a University of Chicago professor who co-wrote one of the reports.

"As a result, Americans who never imagined becoming poor are now asking for assistance, and many are not getting the help they need."

After the recession began in 2007, the suburbs continued to post larger increases in the number of poor adding 1.8 million, compared with 1.4 million in the cities.

The findings come weeks before the Nov. 2 congressional elections in which voters anxious over the economy will decide whether to keep

Democrats in power. Made up of both cities and surrounding suburbs, the large metro areas represent two-thirds of the U.S. population and are home to battlegrounds that helped lift Democrat Barack Obama to victory in 2008.

Cities still have higher poverty rates about 19.5 percent, compared with 10.4 percent in the suburbs. But the gap has been steadily narrowing. In a reversal from 2000, the number of poor people living in the suburbs now exceeds those in cities by roughly 1.6 million.

Analysts attribute the shift largely to years of middle-class flight and substantial shares of minorities and immigrants leaving cities in the early part of the decade for affordable housing and job opportunities in the suburbs. After the housing bust, their fortunes changed, throwing millions out of work.

More than half, or 57, of the

100 largest U.S. metro areas had substantial increases in poverty.

They were most evident in Sun Belt suburban areas including Modesto and Riverside, both in California, as well as the Florida cities of Lakeland, Orlando, Miami and Tampa, which had seen large population gains during the housing boom.

Also hit hard were Rust Belt manufacturing regions such as Detroit, Cleveland and Allentown, Pa., where the poverty rate soared to 29 percent from 19 percent.

Nationally, the government reported last month that 14.3 percent of people in the U.S., or 1 in 7, now live below the poverty line, which is \$21,954 for a family of four.

Among the working-age population, poverty is at 12.9 percent, the highest since the 1960s, when the government launched a campaign against poverty. □

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Report: Lou Dobbs employed illegal immigrants

Lou Dobbs has long railed against illegal immigration and the employers who hire undocumented workers. Dobbs generated controversy and faced boycotts for attacking “illegal aliens” as host of a nightly CNN show. And since leaving the network in December, Dobbs has kept talking about the issue in interviews, in which he’s also left open the possibility of running for senator or president. But Dobbs might want to pause before making illegal immigration a signature campaign issue: At least five illegal immigrants have reportedly worked on his properties.

The liberal Nation magazine, in a yearlong investigation conducted with the Investigative Fund at the Nation Institute, found that “Dobbs has relied for years on undocumented labor for the upkeep of his multimillion-dollar estates and the horses he keeps for his 22-year-old daughter, Hillary, a champion

show jumper.”

The Nation’s Isabel Macdonald writes that while Dobbs has bashed employers for hiring immigrants without papers, he “has been far from vigilant about the status of workers laboring on his own properties.”

(The Nation has long editorialized against Dobbs and those who agree with him on immigration.)

Dobbs owns a 300-acre estate in Sussex, N.J., and a winter home in West Palm Beach, Fla. His daughter keeps five show horses worth about \$1 million each at several stables; the horses are owned by the Dobbs Group, of which Lou Dobbs is president.

Macdonald spoke with several immigrants who were employed to work on winter property and helped with the upkeep of Dobbs’ horses at stables in Vermont and Florida. “I looked after Dobbs’ horses while I was illegal,” said one man. Another worker said that he believed Hillary

Dobbs knew they didn’t have papers. (The workers did not give their real names for fear of deportation.)

Macdonald wrote that another worker worked on the garden at Dobbs’ Florida property. On one occasion, that worker said, Lou Dobbs who referred to himself as “Luis” instructed him in Spanish to talk to his boss about moving a specific plant. Macdonald interviewed other immigrants who worked at the holiday home.

Hillary Dobbs did not comment for the article. And Lou Dobbs, through a radio producer on “The Lou Dobbs Show,” declined to comment. Robert Zeller, Dobbs’ attorney, said Dobbs would answer questions only on his live radio show; the Nation agreed to be on the show, but only after publication.

Dobbs has not yet responded to a request from The Upshot to discuss the allegations, which are sure to get attention given the commentator’s very public views on the subject. □

Sale of signed Salahi photos fetches just 2 buyers

LOS ANGELES – Only two people opened their wallets to welcome home photos signed by the Washington, D.C., couple who allegedly crashed a White House state dinner.

After more than two weeks on the market, just the pair of autographed photos from among 200 showing Michael and Tareq Salahi have been purchased in an online sale, publicist Kenny Fried said.

The photos were originally priced at \$100 in the eBay sale but later slashed to \$50 after the first week of the sale yielded no buyers, he said.

Fried said the couple, who are on Bravo’s “The Real

Housewives of D.C.,” signed the photos Sept. 22 to help recoup a debt owed to his public relations firm for services provided to Tareq Salahi’s Americas Polo Cup Inc., which filed for bankruptcy Sept. 13.

Fried said he has left the sale up but isn’t sure what he will do if the other photos don’t sell online.

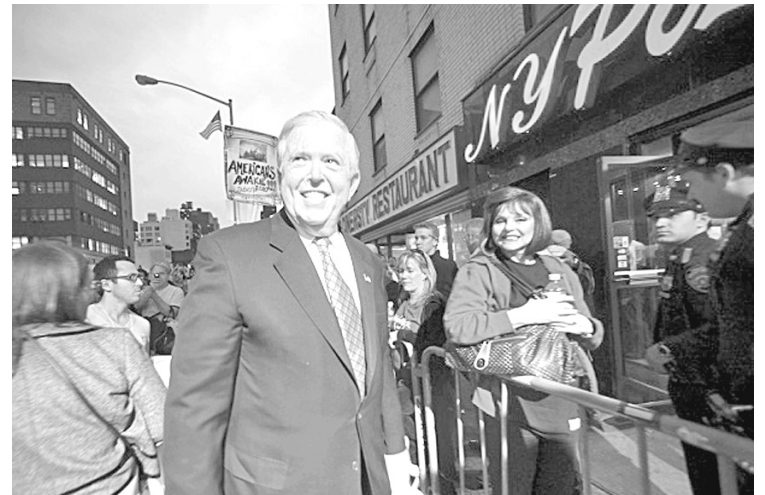
“There’s 198 left,” he said. “We might use them for wallpaper.”

[Video flashback: Michael Salahi’s ridiculous spat with Whoopi Goldberg]

The recent auction of the red sari that Michael wore last year to the White House fared



better. James Packard-Gomez, co-owner of the salon where the Salahis primped before showing up at the state dinner for India, bought the infamous gown from The Potomack Co. for \$7,000. The auction house said the Salahis want 80 percent of that sale’s proceeds to go to charity. □



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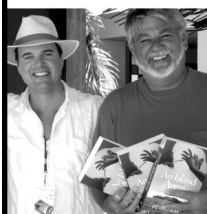
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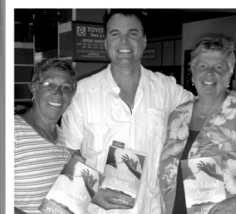
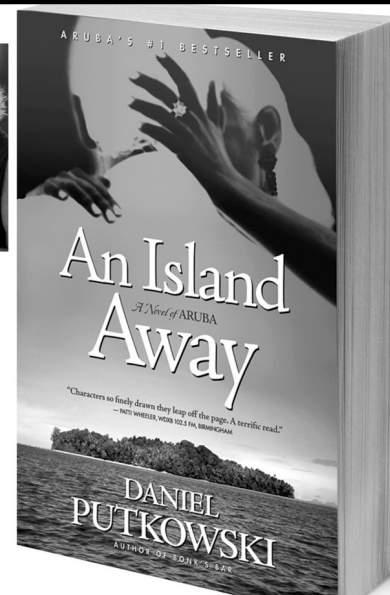
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Obama sends foreclosure docs bill back to Congress



President Barack Obama walks on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, as he travels to Bowie, Md., and onto Chicago

By ALAN ZIBEL
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has rejected a

bill that the White House fears could worsen the mounting problems caused by flawed or misleading documents used by banks in home foreclosures.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Thursday that Obama is sending a newly passed bill back to Congress to be fixed because the current version has “unintended consequences on consumer protections.” The bill would loosen the process for providing a notary’s seal to documents and allow them to be done electronically.

Obama will not sign a bill that would allow foreclosure and other documents to be accepted among multiple states. Consumer advocates and state officials had argued the legislation would make it difficult for homeowners to challenge foreclosure documents prepared in other states.

The White House said Thursday it is sending the bill back to Congress for revisions, and that the administration would work with lawmakers on it.

O. Max Gardner, a consumer lawyer in Shelby, N.C., said the bill would have made the problems with foreclosure documents worse. That’s because mortgage companies would have been able to mass-produce documents and affix a digital version of a notary’s seal rather than one on paper. “They could process more foreclosure cases with improper and invalid documents and make it more difficult for consumers to try to fight,” he said.

Obama used a rare “pocket

veto” — a tactic for killing a bill that can be used only when Congress is not in session. It essentially takes effect when the president fails to sign a bill within 10 days. Obama has yet to issue a traditional veto during his presidency; he has used a pocket veto once before, in December 2009, to address what amounted to a technicality on a defense spending bill.

A furor has been growing as mounting evidence has surfaced that mortgage lenders have been evicting homeowners using flawed court papers. State and federal officials have been ramping up pressure on the mortgage industry over concerns about potential legal violations. □

ANTI-BULLY LAW

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Prosecutors have subpoenaed Rutgers University for e-mails concerning how the school handled complaints from Clementi that his roommate used a webcam to spy on him, according to The Star-Ledger of Newark. The newspaper reported that prosecutors asked for the subpoenas after investigators felt the state university was not fully cooperating with the invasion of privacy case.

The Star-Ledger cited two officials who were briefed on the probe but did not name the officials because they were not authorized to speak about the ongoing inquiry. The death of Clementi, a promising violinist, has prompted a national discussion on the plight of young gay people and bullying, along with technology’s role in it. Clementi typed his intention on the Internet, leaving a note on his Facebook page reading, “Jumping off the gw bridge sorry.”

A new survey has found that while technology has become so entwined with college students’ often frantic lives, being perpetually connected comes at a cost.

The Associated Press-mtvU Poll released Thursday found that while 57 percent of students said life without computers and cell phones would make them more stressed, a significant number 25 percent said it would be a relief.

The AP-mtvU Poll of more than 2,000 college students,

conducted before Clementi’s death became public, found that 9 in 10 had been on a social networking site like Facebook in the past week. One in five say they’ve posted public messages on such sites seeking emotional support, while more than two-thirds say they’ve read public posts by friends pleading for such assistance.

Clementi’s death was one of a string of suicides last month involving teens believed to have been victims of anti-gay bullying. Just days after Clementi’s body was recovered, more than 500 people attended a memorial service for a 13-year-old central California boy, Seth Walsh, who hanged himself after enduring taunts from classmates about being gay.

The Rutgers event, organized by the university and the gay rights activist group Garden State Equality, drew about 300 students and others, including U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., and actress/comedienne Judy Gold, a Rutgers grad and gay activist who won two Daytime Emmy Awards as a writer and producer for “The Rosie O’Donnell Show.”

“No one could have heard about this degradation he suffered without feeling pain themselves,” Lautenberg said. “This is a major problem, and we’re going to fix it.” Gold expressed outrage at the pain inflicted on Clementi.

“What happened to him was not just an invasion of privacy,” she said. “This was just sick.”

Lautenberg said his bill would require colleges and universities that receive federal student aid to create policies prohibiting harassment of any student. Such policies are not currently required by federal law, he said. The bill also would provide funding for schools to establish programs to deter harassment of students. Middlesex County prosecutor Bruce Kaplan said earlier this week that he wouldn’t rush the investigation into Clementi’s death.

Ravi’s lawyer, Steven D. Altman, issued a statement Wednesday saying he was “heartened to hear” that investigators are taking their time “to learn all the facts before rushing to judgment” about whether to file bias charges against his client. Altman said he hoped the public would do the same.

“I am confident that nothing will be learned to justify, warrant or support the filing of any bias criminal complaint,” Altman said.

Lawyers for Wei released a statement Tuesday saying she was innocent and extending sympathy to the Clementi family.

“This is a tragic situation,” the statement said. “But this tragedy has also unfairly led to rampant speculation and misinformation, which threaten to overwhelm the actual facts of the matter. Those true facts will reveal that Molly is innocent.”

Ravi, of Plainsboro, and Wei, of Princeton, each could face up to five years in prison if convicted on the invasion of privacy charge. □

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Pa. teen testifies on fatal assault of immigrant

SCRANTON, Pa. — Two former high school football players who witnessed the fatal beating of a Mexican immigrant in Pennsylvania testified Thursday that a third member of their group kicked the victim in the head as he lay unconscious in the street.

Brandon Piekarsky, now 18, and Derrick Donchak, now 20, are charged with a federal hate crime in the July 2008 attack on 25-year-old Luis Ramirez, who died after brawling with a tight-knit bunch of white athletes in Shenandoah, an old mining town riven by ethnic tensions between whites and a burgeoning Hispanic population. Donchak is also charged in a plot with Shenandoah police to cover up the crime.

Prosecutors allege that Piekarsky kicked Ramirez in the head, a theory bolstered Thursday by testimony from two of the defendant's childhood friends.

The fight began late July 12, 2008, when a half-dozen drunk teens, all Shenandoah residents who played football at Shenandoah Valley High School, were walking home from a block party and came across Ramirez and his 15-year-old girlfriend in a park. Brian Scully, who has already pleaded guilty in juvenile court to aggravated assault, ethnic intimidation and other offenses for his role in the attack, testified Thursday that he asked the girl, "Isn't it a little too late to be out?" That enraged Ramirez, who began yelling in Spanish and

dialing friends on his cell phone.

"I didn't understand him," Scully said. "So I didn't like it."

Scully testified that he shouted ethnic slurs. The verbal sparring turned into a physical altercation as Ramirez and Piekarsky — and then Donchak and Piekarsky — traded blows.

As the brawl ended, Scully testified that he told Ramirez, "Go home, you Mexican (expletive)!" He said Donchak yelled, "(Expletive) you, spic!"

He said he was walking away when Ramirez jumped on top of him and started pummeling him. Another teen, Colin Walsh, who has pleaded guilty to federal charges in the case, delivered a knockout blow that caused Ramirez to hit his head on the pavement.

Scully said he tried to kick Ramirez in the head but lost his balance and struck him in the shoulder instead. That's when, he said, Piekarsky's foot connected with Ramirez's head.

"He started shaking and everyone then started running," Scully said.

Another teen, Ben Lawson, also testified that Piekarsky kicked Ramirez in the head. The defense accuses Scully of being the kicker, and Scully was to undergo cross-examination Thursday afternoon.

After the fight, the teens got together and concocted a cover story, Scully and Lawson said.

Lawson, who has enlisted now in the Navy, testified that the teens got together and agreed to say "that nobody kicked him, we weren't drinking, and there were no racial slurs."

That night and again the next day, "Brandon said, 'Don't tell them I kicked,'" Scully said.

An all-white jury cleared the defendants of serious state charges last year. Piekarsky was acquitted of third-degree murder and ethnic intimidation, while Donchak beat aggravated assault and ethnic intimidation charges. Both were convicted of simple assault. The 2009 verdict angered civil rights groups and Gov. Ed Rendell, who asked for a Justice Department prosecution.

Ramirez's death exposed simmering ethnic tensions in Shenandoah, a blue-collar town of 5,000 about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia that attracted Hispanics drawn by jobs in factories and farm fields.

Both Scully and Lawson said it was commonplace for white students at Shenandoah Valley High School to use ethnic slurs against Hispanics, admitting they did so themselves.

"Is it fair to say there were a lot of white people using racial slurs because of the Hispanics moving into Shenandoah?" asked Gerard Hogan, a Justice Department prosecutor.

"Yes," Lawson said.

Both teens admitted they initially lied about the attack to protect their friends.



But Scully insisted he to do," he said. "It was eventually told the truth. like a weight lifted off my "I was scared and it was shoulders. I couldn't hide it something I thought I had any more."□

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Israelis, Palestinians signal deal on West Bank settlements

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Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — In the clearest sign that a deal may be emerging to keep the troubled U.S. Mideast peace push alive, a top Palestinian official said Thursday that his side would accept an American proposal for Israel to curtail settlement construction for two months.

Israel indicated it, too, was edging toward a compromise. The country's ambassador to Washington confirmed for the first time that the U.S. is offering "incentives" for Israel to extend a just-expired settlement slowdown. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also came out in favor of a contentious new loyalty oath in what appeared to be an attempt to placate hard-liners opposed to further concessions on the settlements.

The settlement issue has threatened to derail peace talks just a month after they were launched at the White House.

The Palestinians have threatened to walk away from the talks if Israel resumes settlement construction on lands claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

An Arab League gathering this weekend is expected to recommend support Friday for whatever the Palestinians decide. A resolution to call off the talks would be a critical setback, but diplomats are hoping for a more ambiguous statement that would leave room for compromise.

With the clock ticking,

U.S. mediators have been frantically trying to broker a compromise that would salvage the negotiations.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath told The Associated Press Thursday that the Palestinians accepted a U.S. proposal for a 60-day extension to the Israel settlement slowdown, with the idea that final borders between Israel and a Palestinian state be negotiated during that time. If borders are set, Israel could then resume construction on all territories it expects to keep, while halting construction on Palestinian lands.

"We accepted a moratorium for two months on condition that by the end of this period we will reach an agreement on the issue of the borders," Shaath told The Associated Press, adding that if no agreement is reached, "then this moratorium should be extended."

In principle, the Palestinians demand a full halt to all settlement activity, saying that continued construction on lands they claim sends a message that Israel isn't serious about negotiating peace, but Shaath signaled they are prepared to accept the partial freeze Israel maintained for 10 months before its expiration.

Some 300,000 settlers already live in the West Bank, in addition to 180,000 Israelis living in Jewish neighborhoods in east Jerusalem. The Palestinians claim both areas, with east Jerusalem as their capital.

Netanyahu has said the settlement slowdown, which expired on Sept. 26, will not be extended. With his government dominated by pro-settler hard-liners, further moves against the settlers could result in a political crisis and possibly even fracture the coalition and bring down his



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, and Israeli official Ilan Harari attend a meeting during Netanyahu's visit in the Israeli town of Lod, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. Netanyahu has agreed to hold a vote on a controversial citizenship bill in what appears to be a move aimed at garnering support for an extension of a West Bank settlement slowdown.

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government.

At the same time, he faces heavy pressure from the Americans to keep the negotiations afloat. In a videotaped interview posted on the Washington Post's website, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, confirmed the U.S. has offered "incentives" for Israel to extend the settlement curbs.

He did not elaborate, but Israeli officials have said that a package of "assurances" are being sought, ranging from U.S. diplomatic support at the United Nations to new military aid to backing for key Israeli positions in the peace talks.

Oren said he expected a resolution within 48 hours, a timeline that roughly coincides with the Arab League meeting.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the Americans were counting on the 22-member Arab League to grant "continued support" for the new negotiations. "We think that withdrawing support from the negotiations at this stage would be premature," he said.

After months of U.S. shuttle diplomacy, Obama personally launched peace talks — the first in nearly two years — at the White House on Sept. 2.

He hopes to broker an agreement within a year that will tackle all of the core issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: final borders, the fate of millions of Palestinian refugees whose families were displaced during the creation of Israel in 1948, and resolving the conflicting claims to Jerusalem.

Before addressing those explosive issues, though, the impasse over Jewish settlements will have to be resolved.

Netanyahu has been sounding out key Cabinet members in recent days on extending the settlement restrictions, which halted new housing starts while allowing pre-existing construction to continue. But he has run into stiff opposition from pro-settlement ministers.

In a move that appeared to be aimed at placating the hard-liners, Netanyahu said Thursday he would hold a Cabinet vote next week on a contentious citizenship bill. The bill would amend a loyalty oath for non-Jewish immigrants applying for citizenship to describe Israel as "Jewish and democratic." While largely symbolic, the nationalistic language has angered the Palestinians and Israel's own Arab minority. Among the main backers

of the measure is Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who opposes extending the settlement slowdown. Cabinet approval of the declaration on Sunday might win a softening in his position on settlements. Allies of Lieberman, himself a West Bank settler, denied a deal was made.

Netanyahu said the measure is meant to underline Israel's insistence that in the negotiations, the Palestinians must recognize Israel as a Jewish state. "There is a very big struggle today to abolish, to blur, the state of Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people," Netanyahu said Thursday during a visit to the central Israeli city of Lod.

The Palestinians refuse to declare Israel a Jewish state for two reasons: They feel it would undermine the status of Israeli Arabs and would undercut the claims of Palestinian refugees. q Ahmed Tibi, an Arab lawmaker in the Israeli parliament, called the proposal unacceptable. "The international community should say no to this," he said. "The Arab states should ... demand from Israel that any agreement with Israel should include total equal rights for the Arab citizens of the state of Israel." □



Toxic red sludge reaches the Danube River

GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

KOLONTAR, Hungary (AP) — Red sludge flowed into the Danube River on Thursday, threatening a half-dozen nations along one of Europe's key waterways.

Monitors took samples every few hour to measure damage from the toxic spill and emergency officials declared one Hungarian tributary dead. As cleanup crews gathered deer carcasses and other wildlife from the villages in southwestern Hungary flooded by the industrial waste, environmental groups warned of long-term damage to the farming region's topsoil. Conflicting information swirled about the dangers posed by the ankle-deep muck coating the most seriously hit areas after the collapse of a waste-storage reservoir at a nearby alumina plant Monday.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences maintained that while the material was a continued hazard, its heavy metal concentrations were not considered dangerous to the environment.

"The academy can say whatever it wants," fumed Barbara Szalai Szita, who lives in Devecser, one of the hardest-hit villages. "All I know is that if I spend 30 minutes outside I get a foul taste in my mouth and my tongue feels strange."

Hungary's environment minister, Zoltan Illes, said the henna-colored sludge covering a 16-square-mile swathe of countryside does have "a high content of heavy metals," some of which can cause cancer. He warned of possible environmental hazards, particularly if it were to enter the groundwater system.

With rain giving way to dry, warmer weather over the past two days, the caustic mud is increasingly turning to airborne dust, which can cause respiratory problems, Illes added.

"If that would dry out then ... wind can blow ... that heavy metal contamination through the respiratory system," he said.

Amid the conflicting reports, officials had one piece of encouraging news: The mighty Danube was apparently absorbing the slurry with little immediate harm beyond sporadic sightings of dead fish.

The red sludge, a waste product of aluminum production, reached the western branch of the Danube early Thursday and was flowing into its broad main stretch by noon. By evening, it was moving southward toward Serbia and Romania.

At monitoring stations in Croatia, Serbia and Romania, officials were taking river samples every few hours, though experts hoped the river's huge water volume would blunt the impact of the spill.

Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson said the pH content of the sludge entering the Danube had been reduced to the point where it was unlikely to cause further environmental damage. The waste, which had tested at a highly alkaline pH level of 13 soon after the spill — similar to lye or bleach — was under 10 by Thursday.

A neutral pH level for water is 7, with normal readings ranging from 6.5 to 8.5. Each pH number is 10 times the previous level, so a pH of 13 is 1,000 times more alkaline than a pH of 10.

The tributaries feeding the Danube from the area around the spill were not so fortunate. The Marcal River, stained ochre and devoid of fish and other aquatic life, was declared a dead zone.

"Life in the Marcal River has been extinguished," Dobson said of the waterway, which is fed by streams around the accident site and carried the waste into the Raba River, which then flows into the Danube.

He said emergency crews were pouring plaster and acetic acid — vinegar — into the area where the Raba and Danube meet to lower the sludge's pH value.

"The main effort is now being concentrated on the Raba and the Danube," he said. "That's

what has to be saved."

An AP television crew watching cleanup efforts at the confluence of the Raba and the Danube said neither river showed visible signs of pollution.

An environmental group that monitors threats to the Danube said the breached reservoir was on a 2006 watch list of some 100 industrial sites that were at risk for accidents that could contaminate the 1,775-mile-long river.

The International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River coordinates conservation efforts in the nations bordering the waterway and its tributaries.



Dead fish, victims of the toxic red sludge that spilled Monday from a giant industrial container, in the River Marcal near Boba, Hungary, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. "Life in the River Marcal has been extinguished," Rescue official Tibor Dobson told The Associated Press, referring to the river's 25-mile stretch that carried the red waste from Kolontar into the Raba River and onto the Danube.

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Alleged suicide bombs kill 8 at Pakistan Sufi site



A Pakistani mother mourns for her two sons who are missing after suicide attacks on the shrine in Karachi, Pakistan on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. Twin explosions rocked a famed Sufi shrine in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi on Thursday, killing many people and wounding scores, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by Islamist militants to this U.S.-allied nation.

Associated Press

ASHRAF KHAN,
Associated Press Writer

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Two suspected suicide bombers attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan's largest city Thursday, killing at least eight people, wounding 65 others, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by Islamist militants to this U.S.-allied nation.

Angry mobs burned tires and torched buses in the aftermath of the bombings in Karachi. The attack came amid tensions between Washington and Islamabad over NATO helicopter incursions that have led Pakistan to close a key border crossing used to ferry supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan. Despite U.S. apologies over the incursions, one of which left two Pakistani soldiers dead, Islamabad said Thursday it had yet to decide when to reopen the crossing. The explosions at the Abdullah Shah Ghazi shrine in Karachi happened on Thursday evening, the busiest time of the week for Sufi shrines across the country. Thousands typically visit the Ghazi shrine on Thursdays to pray, distribute food to the poor and toss rose petals on the grave of the saint.

Ghazi was an 8th century saint credited with bringing Islam to the region along the coast. Local legend has it that his shrine protects Karachi from cyclones and other sea-related disasters.

Pakistani Sufi sites have

frequently been the target of Islamist militant groups, whose hardline interpretations of the religion leave no room for the more mystical Sufi practices that are common in this Sunni Muslim-majority nation of 175 million.

An Associated Press reporter

saw blood, flesh and shoes splattered at the shrine compound in Karachi. A young boy with bloodstained clothes cried for help in a police vehicle, TV footage showed. Dozens of ambulances lined up outside to take victims to hospitals.

The first explosion took place as the suspected bomber was going through the metal detector before a long staircase leading to the main shrine area, said Babar Khattak, the top police official in Sindh province. The second blast took place about 10 seconds later, farther ahead of the metal detector, he said.

Mohibullah Khan, a 38-year-old manual laborer, was about to visit the shrine after evening prayers at a nearby mosque when the explosions occurred.

"I heard a huge bang and smoke billowed from there," Khan said. "I ran back toward the mosque and seconds after

heard another big explosion. Then I moved to help the wounded and put six or seven of the crying ones in ambulances and police vehicles."

Gunshots could be heard throughout the chaotic city of 16 million-plus after the attack, while angry mobs torched at least two buses in the downtown area and burned tires on some roads. Many businesses closed early, while Sindh province Home Minister Zulfiqar Mirza said all city shrines were being sealed off.

At least eight people died, including two children, officials said. Two severed heads found indicated that suicide attackers were involved.

"We have provided the best available security at this shrine," Mirza said. "Humanly, it is not possible to stop suicide bombers intent on exploding themselves."

Condemnations poured in from

Pakistani leaders, including President Asif Ali Zardari, who was staying elsewhere in the city at the time.

"We remain committed to fighting these murderers and expelling them from our land," Zardari aide Farahnaz Ispahani said in an e-mail.

In July, twin suicide bombers in the eastern city of Lahore attacked Data Darbar, Pakistan's most revered Sufi shrine, killing 47 people and wounding 180.

That attack — also on a Thursday — infuriated many Pakistanis, who saw it as an unjustified assault on peaceful civilians. In the aftermath, even amid fury against militants, many also blamed the U.S. presence in Afghanistan for fueling Islamist violence in their nation. The frustration with the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan has increased over the past two weeks due to the NATO helicopter strikes on Pakistani territory. □

SQUALID CAMPS

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"The people of Haiti are still living in a state of emergency, with a humanitarian response that appears paralyzed," the Refugees International report said. "Gang leaders or land owners are intimidating the displaced. Sexual, domestic, and gang violence in and around the camps is rising."

The Jan. 12 earthquake, which killed up to 300,000 people, left millions homeless and little progress has been made to find the vast majority permanent shelter. A recent AP investigation found that one reason more than a million Haitians are still homeless amid piles of rubble is that not a cent of the \$1.15 billion the U.S. promised for rebuilding has arrived.

"Action is urgently needed to protect the basic human rights of people displaced by the earthquake," Refugees International said. It criticized the International Organization for Migration, which is responsible for coordination and management of the camps in Haiti, and the United Nations operations in the country for not giving priority to actions to protect quake victims.

Refugees International's President Michel Gabaudan said the organization can do "far more" to put managers in the camps, coordinate assistance, and help protect people. The report noted that the International Organization for Migration has about 700 staff in Haiti, but only three are protection officers.

The report called for the U.N. refugee agency, the UNHCR, which has decades of experience protecting the rights of displaced people and in coordinating camps, to co-lead protection activities in Haiti with the U.N. human rights agency. It also called on the U.N. to appoint a full-time humanitarian coordinator and increase police patrols "with officers that are properly trained, equipped, and have Creole translators."

U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is aware of the report but had no immediate comments.

"It's obviously highlighting very important matters including protection, especially of women, and that's been a major concern of everybody right from the start," he said. "We obviously share this concerns and we also want to see increased protection, particularly when it comes to sexual violence."



Former president and UN special envoy to Haiti, Bill Clinton, left, listens to a man who was displaced by the earthquake as he visits people who live in the Petionville Golf Club that is being used as a camp for the displaced in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday Oct. 6, 2010.

Associated Press

As of Sept. 15, Nesirky said, 559 U.N. police officers were permanently present in six of the largest camps along with 640 U.N. military personnel. In addition, there are five mobile police units and another 704 military personnel carrying out mobile patrols at all times, he said.

Refugees International said "effective camp management and security patrols would also reduce risks of violence against women."

It said some local women who established groups in the camps to carry out their own patrols and teach self-defense have received death threats.

It said local agencies working on gender-based violence in the camps reported that they had received three times the number of reports of sexual violence than pre-quake. The teenage pregnancy rate in the camps is also extremely high, Refugees International said, and medical agencies reported receiving large numbers of failed "street abortions," some from girls as young as 10 years old. □

Nigeria: Prison where 750 escaped is site of riot

SHEHU SAULAWA

Associated Press Writer

BAUCHI, Nigeria (AP)

— Rioting inmates burned part of a north Nigeria prison Thursday, accusing the government of renegeing on a promised amnesty. It was the same prison where some 750 inmates earlier had escaped.

The Bauchi federal prison smoldered into the night after more than 280 returned inmates accused Bauchi state Gov. Isa Yuguda of ignoring his promise to forgive them for their past crimes.

Yuguda had promised 16 inmates a reprieve after they returned following a Sept. 7 prison break engineered by a radical Muslim sect that wants strict Islamic law enforced across Africa's most populous nation.

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday night whether

anyone was injured or escaped during the attack on the federal prison. Black smoke could be seen rising from the blocks devoted to classrooms at the prison.

A state government spokesman promised to release a statement later regarding the rioting.

"It was a protest by some of the prisoners who heard that the governor had granted amnesty to a few of them based on the recommendation of the committee on the prerogative of mercy in accordance with the provision of the constitution of the country," said Abdulmuminu Mohammed Kundak, a special adviser to the state governor.

"They should know that it is not every prisoner that will be released at the same time."

Members of Boko Haram

— which means "Western education is sacrilege" in the local Hausa language — attacked the prison on Sept. 7 and went cell by cell to release its incarcerated members.

Those held at the prison were accused of taking part in a riot and attacks on police stations and private homes in July 2009 that triggered a violent police and military crackdown during which more than 700 people died. More than 120 followers arrested in the wake of the attacks last year were being held at the Bauchi prison pending trial. Five people — a soldier, a police officer, two prison guards and a civilian — died in the September attack.

Boko Haram has campaigned for the implementation of strict Shariah law. Nigeria, a nation of 150 million people, is divided between



Soldiers secure the area outside a prison in Bauchi, Nigeria, Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, after the radical Muslim Boko Haram sect armed with assault rifles launched an attack at sunset on Tuesday Sept. 7, on the prison to free more than 100 inmates who are followers of the sect.

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the Christian-dominated south and the Muslim-held north. A dozen states across Nigeria's north already have Shariah law in place, though the area remains under the control of secular state governments.

In recent months, rumors about Boko Haram rearming have spread throughout

northern Nigeria. A video recording released in late June showed a Boko Haram leader calling for new violence as the one-year anniversary of their attack neared. Meanwhile, police believe motorcycle-riding members of the sect are killing policemen in the region. □



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4th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival kicks off today!



ORANJESTAD – After two days of warm-up performances around the island, the 4th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival officially kicks off today.

The festival's organizers have been feverishly preparing for this weekend, overseeing the setup of the two main outdoor stages, located in front of Cas di Cultura and next to the

JFK school building, as well as the preparation of Cas di Cultura's indoor auditorium. While these three areas will be the main musical venues, other places to visit during

the festival will include Cas di Cultura's Lounge Patio, featuring music and film, and the art gallery, which will also host several auctions during the festival weekend.

Tonight's lineup will offer performances by Scol di Musica Rufo Wever, Cosy Cotton Featuring Grana Louise and Red Fulka Featuring Roel Calister on the JFK Stage, with Sazon Cubano, Marcus Miller and Swing Design performing on the L.G. Smith stage, in front of Cas di Cultura.

The Auditorium will host presentations by the Caribbean Film Foundation and the sounds of local artist Ivan Jansen.

Tomorrow night will kick off at 7PM with Mystical Connection, followed by Lao Tizer Featuring Karen Briggs and Issac Delgado on the L.G. Smith stage. Local favorites Serghio Jansen and

Datapanik will be sure to attract a crowd to the JFK Stage, with the Auditorium featuring performances by Scol di Musica Rufo Wever, El Prove and Offshore.

The weekend will furthermore be dunked in art in its widest sense of the word: in the art gallery, paintings, installations, drawings, poetry, theater and mime will belong to the list of performances that can be expected. To make the festival complete there will be a terrific food court as well as vendors.

Tickets for each night are still available for US\$ 32.00 or Afl. 55.00 per night. For more information, or to buy your tickets now, visit www.caribbeanseajazz.com.

Photos show the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival crew setting up the stages for what is sure to be an unforgettable weekend of music. □

Grana Louise with her band love Aruba

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The Cosy Cotton Band was formed in 1986 and has toured the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium while also accompanying many American Blues players touring in Europe.

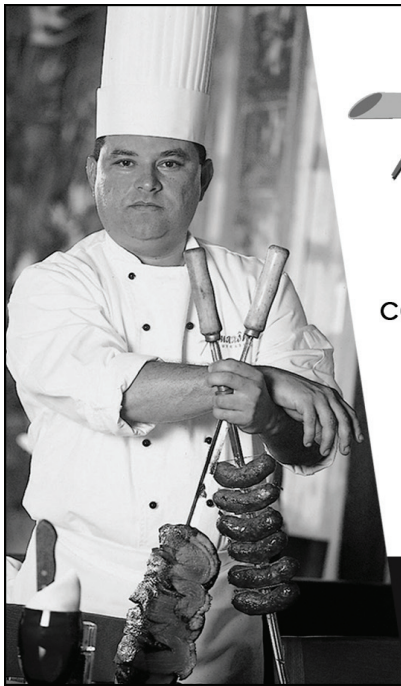
The band was invited to play during significant Blues and Jazz Festivals, either as

an opening act or joining programs with big names such as BB King, Ray Charles, Robert Cray, Blues Brothers Band, Johnny Adams, Chaka Kahn and many others. Straight from the heart of Chicago, Grana Louise encompasses the Blues.

Her impeccable timing and staging is keen, spiced with ribald fun and pizzazz that gives audiences a show to remember. Her background in professional theater and dance, lends itself wonderfully to her act.

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Dutch Cosy Cotton blues band at Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



ORANJESTAD -- One of last year's numerous top acts of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was undoubtedly the Cosy Cotton blues band. An ecstatic audience kept on cheering them after their spectacular performance on the main stage in front of Cas di Cultura's entrance. And guess what: they are back with more blues and for more applause, for this year's edition of the festival.

The four members of the Cosy Cotton blues band are thrilled that internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and music producer Grana Louise will be

belting out her songs together with them again.

Alexander van Merten (drums), Boudy Loogman (bass guitar) and Bert Devies (guitar) are the original members of the 1980s band, which used to feature singer Wendy Sheridan. Now, more than 26 years later three of the band's musicians got together for a blues revival show in Holland and the bug bit again! Together with Hammond organ and piano player Joeke Dietrich they form once again the Cosy Cotton blues band. Rave reviews accompany the performances of the group,



which takes its audience on a musical trip through the southern states of America, culminating in the cotton fields of Louisiana.

The story of Cosy Cotton goes back to 1986 when the band played at blues and jazz festivals, first as a warm-up act, but later playing with



big names like BB King, Ray Charles, Robert Cray, the Blues Brothers and Chaka Kahn. The CD that was recorded was hugely successful as well. But in 1993 the members of Cosy Cotton decided to venture out into the real world, starting businesses and getting families of their own and the band broke up. Two years ago,

however, Bert, Boudy and Alexander got together again and the magic was back full blast to the joy of the former group's faithful fans. Together with singer Grana Louise and her powerful, awesome voice Cosy Cotton is soaring once again. Welcome to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2010, Cosy Cotton! □

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ORANJESTAD -- Sax & Flute player Praful and DJ Kareem Raihani met a few years ago and discovered a magical musical connection which called for deeper exploration.

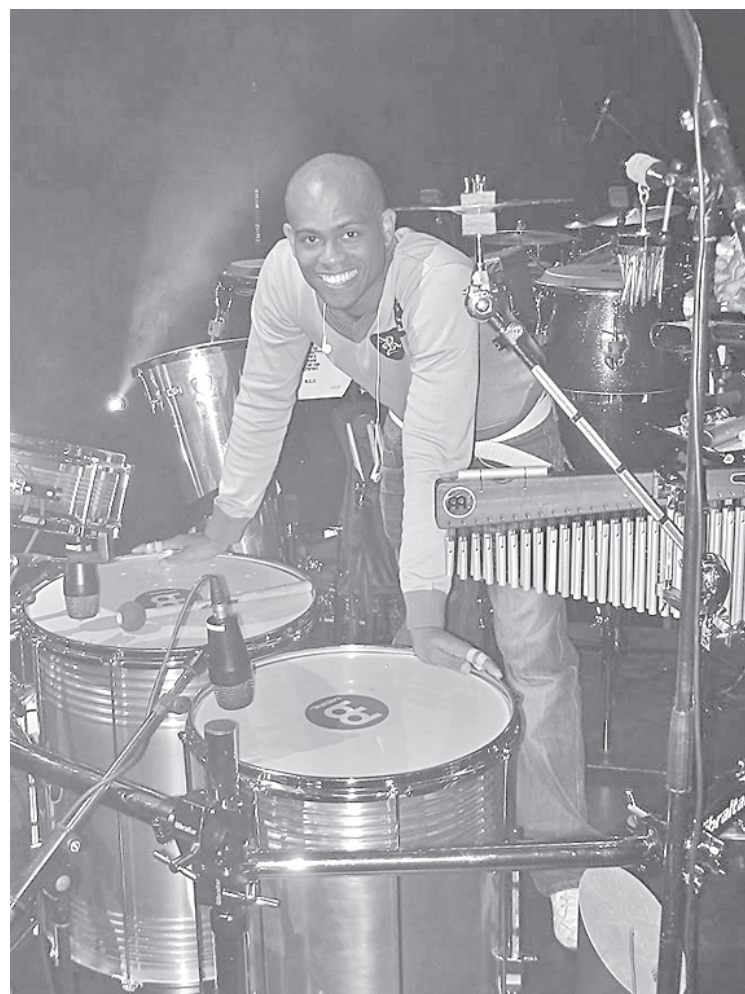
They then worked and performed together under different banners, such as Praful Sound System, until in 2009 they decided to sail under the flag REDFULKA. As such they have so far released two 10inch (Moai Sunset & Crazy Meera)

on the new Dutch label Elevator People – the music has been highly praised by the international balearic & beyond DJ community.

They have also made remixes together, like the OMTARE RedFulkaRemix for Mantra singer Deva Premal. Currently, when not out on the road, they are working on finishing their first full album - Praful's extraordinary musical talents and Kareem's fine sense for booty-shaking

(sideways!) grooves. They seem to merge and blend more with each other as new tracks evolve and the already unmistakable Red Fulka sound takes shape. Red Fulka LIVE rocks dance floors with deep grooving, tribal ethno-house "that touches the soul and moves the waistline ...".

Kareem works also alone as a DJ, spinning his eclectic heart-warming mix of global beat fusion, but has also a history of working with musicians, producing dance tracks and remixing other artists. His first solo release, 'Hi-Tech Roots', a dynamic fusion of raw tumbling beats mixed down with inspirational musicians and vocalists around the world, will be released in April 2010. Praful is a pioneer in melting Jazz, world music and dance styles, which is captured on his 5 solo albums. One Day Deep and Pyramid in your Backyard brought him international success, top 10 US- Billboard Chart notations and a #1 radio hit in the USA. He has worked with many artists and DJs and performs all over the world – he currently tours regularly with Australian Earth-Chantress Peruquois. For more information you may go to www.jigavoo.com, www.roelcalister.com, www.drumdrumdrum.nl and www.wickedjazzsounds.com □



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Loa began his career during his high school years in his hometown of Boulder, Colorado, and he produced and released his first three keyboard recordings himself by the age of seventeen. □



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Marcus Miller to perform in Aruba's Jazz Festival

ORANJESTAD -- Bassist Marcus Miller is best-known for working with trumpeter Miles Davis, singer Luther Vandross and saxophonist David Sanborn, but his solo career is not to be sneezed at either. This all-round wizard musician is playing the keyboards, saxophone and guitar as well as the clarinet. Style, soul and intense professionalism are the characteristics of this unusually talented performer, who has been at the top of his game for the past three decades. Marcus Miller has won numerous Grammy Awards as a producer. William Henry Marcus Miller was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 14, 1959. Coming from

a musical family, Marcus began writing songs at an early age and he became a top call session musician in his early twenties. In the late '70's he was a member of the Saturday Night Live band and he toured in Europe and Japan. By now, Miller's touch on the bass can be heard on more than 500 albums, among them those by Herbie Hancock, Mariah Carey, Frank Sinatra, Chaka Khan, Elton John, Dr. John and Aretha Franklin, just to name a few top-notch artists. Miller's expertise did not stop at being a session musician and a solo artist: he has been doing a lot of arranging and producing and has even eased into writing scores for movies. Nowadays he



is the bandleader of his own audiences with his jazz-band, appealing to wide based music. □

RESULTS BRIDGE SESSIONS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

Thursday morning, 30 September 2010

A total of 12 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1 Kathy Rasenberger / George Manning 62.50 %
- 2 Geke In 't Veld / Annemieke de Cuba 56.25 %
- 3 Marion Pijper / Lienneke Kluiving 53.75 %
- 4 Cornelia Sloterdijk / Els Lacle 52.92 %
- 5 Edith Henriquez / Sheila Lampe 52.50 %
- 6 Helen and Chris Goody 50.83 %

7 Ghislaine Mendes / Liesbeth v.d. Ham 50.00 %
 Friday evening, 1 October 2010 cancelled.

Due to the bad weather conditions the bridge session of this evening had to be cancelled.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am

and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Roomn of Casa del Mar,

starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting

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Double celebration at Café the Plaza



ORANJESTAD – Today we have included more pictures of Wednesday nights activities at Café the Plaza. The Dutch band Swing Design kicked off the 19th Anniversary of Café the Plaza, Aruba's most popular Dutch Bar and Eatery. Swing Design doubled the celebration by also launching the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival this weekend. The island came out in droves for the support of the famous bar and to get a sneak peak to the upcoming events this weekend. Last night, the thirty-two musicians played their hearts out at Café the Plaza. Swing Design will be just one of the highlights of this two-day festival, which has a superb line-up of internationally acclaimed artists. The band is playing on the Cas di Cultura stage on Friday, October 8. Read more about the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival inside Aruba Today. □



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Wozniacki replaces Williams as No. 1

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki will replace Serena Williams as No. 1 when the new rankings are released on Monday.

Wozniacki, 20, will become the first Dane, male or female, to hold the top ranking after a 6-3, 6-2 win over Petra Kvitova at the China Open in

Beijing on Thursday.

"This is a real big step for me. To be the world No. 1 has always been a dream for me," Wozniacki said in an on-court interview at the Beijing Tennis Center. "It doesn't feel like it's real."

Wozniacki is the 20th player to top the rankings since they began in 1975 and the third in the last two years to do so

without having won a Grand Slam title, following Dinara Safina and Jelena Jankovic.

The Dane said capturing a major title was her next target. "That would be like a dream come true," she said.

Wozniacki has won 11 career titles, five of them this year, and has lost once in her last 21 matches.

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Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki acknowledge spectators after she defeated Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic in their women's singles third round match in the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Center in Beijing Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. Wozniacki defeated Kvitova 6-3, 6-2.

Associated Press



Familiar trap: Umps miss again in postseason

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

A few years ago, four umpires gathered in the middle of the diamond to sort out a home-run-or-not call that none of them clearly saw. As arguments raged around them and a crazed crowd looked at TV monitors and howled, one of the umpires simply said to his crewmates: "It's a shame that there are 50,000 people here tonight and we're the only people who don't know what happened."

Or words pretty much to that effect.

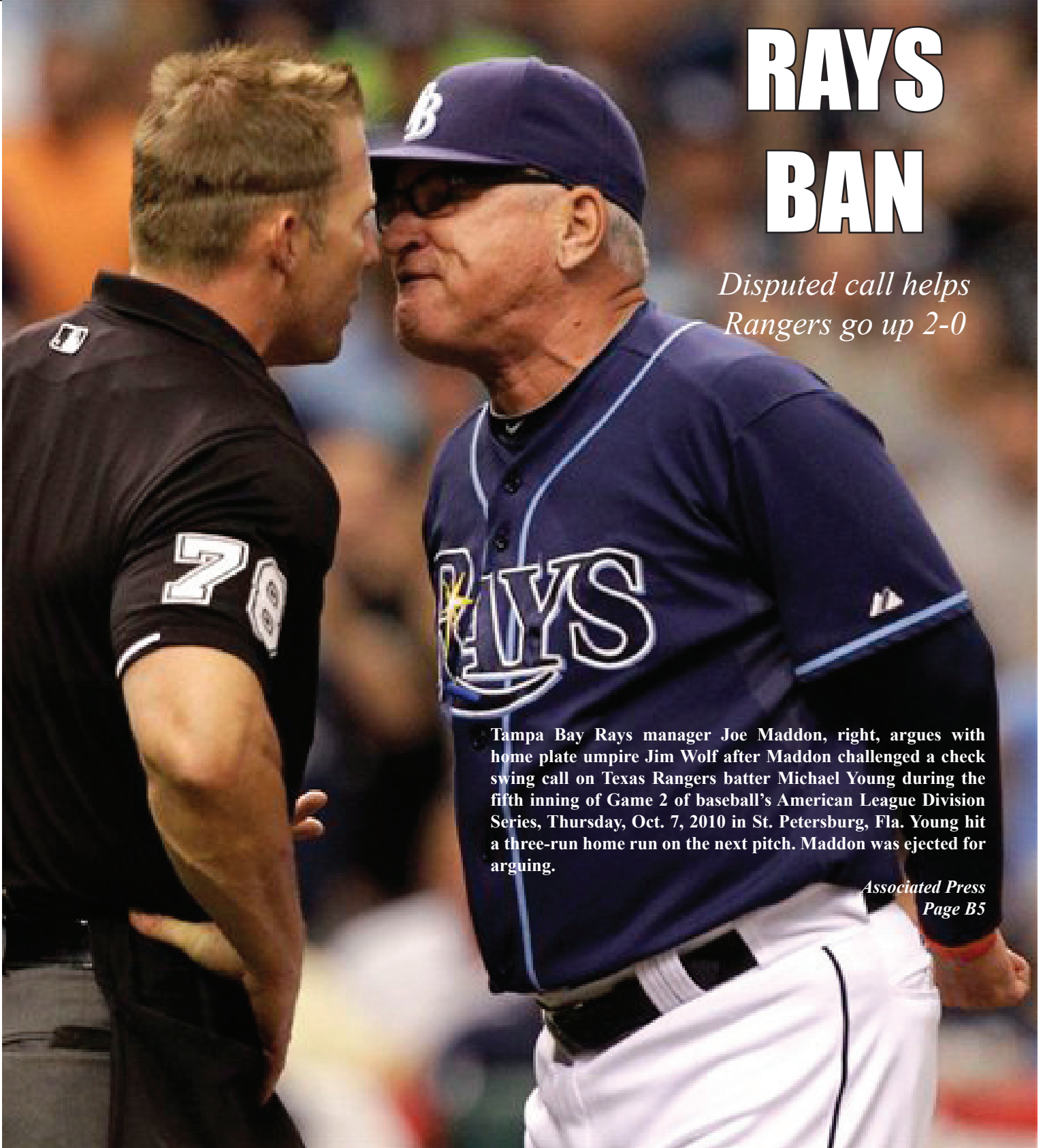
Now it's become an all-too-familiar trap — umpires miss a call in October, fans ramp up the call for more replay.

Make it three postseasons in a row.

There were a pair of questionable calls on the opening day of the playoffs, one in the first inning of the first game and another on what should've been the final out of the evening.

Another disputed decision Thursday led to the ejection of Rays manager Joe Maddon and chants of "Replay! Replay!" from the Tropicana Field crowd.

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*Disputed call helps
Rangers go up 2-0*

Tampa Bay Rays manager Joe Maddon, right, argues with home plate umpire Jim Wolf after Maddon challenged a check swing call on Texas Rangers batter Michael Young during the fifth inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Young hit a three-run home run on the next pitch. Maddon was ejected for arguing.

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Hurricanes hold out Wild 4-3 in NHL season opener

MARIUS TURULA

Associated Press Writer

HELSINKI (AP) — Brandon Sutter scored twice as the Carolina Hurricanes held on to beat the Minnesota Wild 4-3 in the opening game of the NHL season on Thursday.

Anton Babchuk, back after a year in the Russian KHL, and Jussi Jokinen also scored for the Hurricanes.

Brent Burns scored for Minnesota with 3:21 left to leave the Wild down by one, but Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward made a late save to preserve their win.

Minnesota scored through forward Guillaume Latendresse at 3:33, but Sutter equalized on a power play with 10 seconds left of the first period.

Babchuk put Carolina in front at 5:58 of the second period on another power play in which coach Paul Maurice lined up three forwards.

“I’ll do it again. If the power play struggles it affects the offense, and it has been good to think of something which could be positive,” Maurice said.

New Minnesota center Matt Cullen leveled at 9:52 against his former team, but Carolina upped the pace and took control.



Finnish NHL legends Sami Kapanen , back left., Jari Kurri, Esa Tikkanen and Jyrki Lumme drop the puck for Carolina Hurricanes forward Jussi Jokinen and Minnesota Wild captain Mikko Koivu , right to start their NHL ice hockey game against Carolina Hurricanes in Helsinki, Finland Thursday Oct 7, 2010.

Finnish center Jokinen restored the Hurricanes’ lead on a two-man advantage at 11:16, and Sutter made it 4-2 at 18:03 after a great rush by Patrick Dwyer up the right wing.

“We were nervous during the first 10 minutes,” Jokinen said. “Then we got bigger intensity and energy and played a good second period. They have two good units offensively, but their

weakness is the defense, and we used that putting pressure on their defensemen.”

Carolina’s first-round draft pick Jeff Skinner impressed on debut in the line with Jokinen and Tuomo Ruutu.

“He had three chances and brought out a great save from the goalie,” Maurice said. “He’s still learning the game, and the first thing is earning the confidence of the coaches,

get us thinking about how many minutes he should have, and if he could make our top nine forwards. If it stays like this, he will. He has eight more games to convince us.”

Ward came away with 29 saves, while Minnesota’s Niklas Backstrom turned away 31 shots.

The teams play their second and last game in Helsinki on Friday. □

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Cristie Kerr watches her putt on the 17th hole during first-round play in the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Senator course, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in Prattville, Ala.

Associated Press

PRATTVILLE, Alabama (AP) — Cristie Kerr shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Morgan Pressel,

Cristie Kerr leads Navistar LPGA Classic

Anna Nordqvist and Dorothy Delasin after Thursday’s opening round of the Navistar LPGA Classic.

Kerr, also the LPGA Championship winner and LPGA State Farm Classic champion this year, birdied three of the last four holes in her bogey-free round on the links-style Senator course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail’s Capitol Hill complex. Long-hitting Brittany Lincicome was two strokes back at 67 along with Christina Kim, Vicky Hurst, Giulia Sergas. Silvia Cavalleri was 5 under with a hole left when play was suspended because of darkness.

Top-ranked Ai Miyazato

opened with a 70, and U.S. Women’s Open champion Paula Creamer had a 71 in the tour’s first event since the Northwest Arkansas Championship ended Sept. 12.

Last year, Lorena Ochoa successfully defended her title for the last of her 27 LPGA Tour victories. The Mexican star retired in May after making five winless starts this season. The third-ranked Kerr topped the leaderboard a day after missing the pro-am because of illness.

“I just stayed in the moment the whole day,” Kerr said. “When you do a lot of things right, they add up in the right direction.” □

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She reached the U.S. Open final last year, losing to Kim Clijsters. Her best Grand Slam result this season was also in New York, where she fell in the semifinals.

The head of women’s tennis described Wozniacki as “an inspiring young woman.”

“It’s not surprising that Caroline’s incredible athleticism, discipline, dedication to training, and razor sharp focus have gotten her to No. 1,” WTA chairman and CEO Stacey Allaster said. “With the No. 1 ranking, Caroline has joined a group of extraordinary players that have climbed to the pinnacle of the sport.”

Williams, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion, has not played competitively since capturing her 13th Grand Slam title at the All England Club in July.

The American has been sidelined by a cut on her foot but will make her return in Linz, Austria next week.

Organizers said Williams confirmed her entry to the WTA event on Thursday. □

No power teams in NFL 2010

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

Pretty soon the 1972 Miami Dolphins can relax, a whole lot earlier than last year. One month into the season, there are no threats to their perfect season.

The Colts and Saints made those Dolphins sweat until late December in 2009. No such worries this time around. Right now, only Kansas City has no losses, and the Chiefs easily could drop Sunday's game at Indianapolis.

In fact, there are no power teams.

What the NFL can brag about is a record pace of close games, tight divisional races — although some might call the parity mediocrity — soaring passing stats, and big plays by special teams.

Plus there's lots of fan interest, with TV viewership higher than ever through four weeks. But the strangest development has been the lack of a dominant team, particularly with the way the Colts and Saints blew through the league in '09. So far, the Saints aren't blowing out anybody — they've scored 79 points and allowed 72 — and easily could be 0-4 instead of 3-1. Their offense has been anything but unstoppable, and in their biggest matchup, they lost at home to the Falcons in overtime after NFC championship game hero Garrett Hartley missed a 29-yard field goal.

"We've kind of put our B, B-minus performance out there,

unfortunately, for the most part these first four weeks, and yet, we still are sitting in a good position at 3-1," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said. "So what happens if we start putting forth our A, A-plus performance? I think that's obviously what we're striving for and we've set the bar high here.

"We're a prideful bunch. So we're not satisfied with the way we're playing, the fact that we're not putting up an average of more than 20 points a game. I mean, come on, this offense prides itself on big plays, a lot of points, spreading the ball around and running the ball well and all the things we haven't quite done yet up to this point."

The Colts couldn't match Houston's emotion in the first game, then seemed to straighten themselves as Peyton Manning got off to the best start of his career. Their last-second loss at Jacksonville is troubling, though, because the defense was ripped by an offense nobody would confuse with, well, the Colts.

"We always say the division games count as two, so starting 0-2 in the division, that's tough," Pro Bowl safety Antoine Bethea said. "I'm pretty sure we'll get better." Perhaps, but with a bunch of injuries on offense and defense, maybe they won't.

Other projected powerhouses have struggled. Dallas and Minnesota both are 1-2, San Diego is 2-2, and no division

winner from 2009 has sole possession of first place this year. Indeed, only the Saints, New England and Arizona among last season's division champions have a share of the top spot, and the Cardinals might be the worst first-place team in history, having been outscored 118-58 while going 2-2.

A record 23 teams are on top or within one game of the division lead, a number that figures to thin out as the pretenders fall off. Still, such a stat bodes well for the playoff races even at this early juncture: since 1990, 87 teams have made the postseason after starting 2-2 or worse. Just last season, four teams — Arizona, Dallas, Green Bay and San Diego — fell into that category; three of them won divisions.

Not only are the standings close, but the final scores are tight. More than half the games, 33 of 62, have been decided by seven points or less. That's the most in the two decades and second only to 1988 overall.

Already, there have been seven games decided by two points or fewer, partly because closer is down by 1.8 points a game. Such potent offenses from 2009 as the Saints, Cardinals, Ravens, Giants, Cowboys and Vikings are far behind their paces.

Much of the dropoff in scoring comes from fewer rushing TDs, down 13, and fewer scoop-and-score fumbles, down seven. Oddly,



In this Sept. 26, 2010, file photo, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Tony Moeaki (81) celebrates with long snapper Thomas Gafford (43), quarterback Matt Cassel (7) and offensive tackle Barry Richardson, back, after Moeaki scored a touchdown during the third quarter of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Kansas City, Mo. The Indianapolis Colts are used to playing games like this. An undefeated team hitting the road, with the home team in dire need of a victory. Only this time, it's reversed. Surprising Kansas City is trying to keep its perfect record while the Colts try and fight back.

touchdowns passing are up from 171 to 174, representing the most through four weeks since 2002. And the rate of kickoff runbacks for scores is extremely high, with eight already, five more than at this point in 2009, when there were 18 overall. Most telling of all the early trends might be how many eyeballs are viewing games. More than 150 million people — that's almost half of all Americans

— have watched at least part of a game this season, a record for the first month. Viewership is up for all four networks that televise NFL games, so much so that CBS, Fox, NBC and ESPN each are averaging their most viewers ever to this point for their current packages.

That's a nice recipe for the NFL, and it diverts attention away from the possibility there won't be any pro football at this time next year. □





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New York Yankees starting pitcher Andy Pettitte throws during the first inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series against the Minnesota Twins, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in Minneapolis.

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By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees stumbled through September and landed in the AL wild-card spot.

As the Minnesota Twins can attest, the Yankees are hardly an underdog in October.

Pushing the home-field advantage back in Minnesota's face, Pettitte turned in a vintage postseason performance with seven smooth innings and Lance Berkman had two big hits for New York in a 5-2

victory over the Twins on Thursday evening for a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five division series.

Berkman hit a go-ahead home run in the fifth and a tiebreaking double in the seventh against Carl Pavano, sending the Twins to their 11th straight postseason loss. Eight of those have come against the Yankees, who trailed in each of those games.

Mariano Rivera got three outs for his second save of the series, extending his postseason record to 41.

Pettitte puts Twins in their place, Yanks win 5-2

The Twins haven't won a postseason game since 2004, matching the Philadelphia Phillies (1915-1976) for the second-longest streak in history behind the Boston Red Sox (1986-1995) and their 13 in a row.

Berkman, yet another big-name veteran finding a place on a Yankees postseason roster, even on the downside of his career, made it 2-1 with his drive into the left-center bullpen in the fifth. His double in the seventh — one pitch after it appeared Pavano sneaked strike three past him — drove in Jorge Posada and gave New York a 3-2 lead.

The disputed call by plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt led to the ejection of Twins manager Ron Gardenhire following Berkman's double. Derek Jeter chased his old teammate Pavano off the mound with a half-swing RBI single to make it 4-2. Curtis Granderson scored New York's first run and came up with three more hits. And the Yankees headed back home for Game 3 on Saturday night, with a commanding lead over the team they own in October. Pettitte retired 12 in a row until Orlando Hudson's homer tied it at 2 in the sixth, but after Delmon Young's two-out triple he escaped with a weak groundout by Jim Thome. Pettitte needed only 88 pitches to finish seven innings, with five hits and two runs allowed. He walked one and struck out four.

This was the same matchup on the mound as Game 3 of last year's series, and despite a savvy, poised performance by Pavano, Pettitte was a step ahead.

The old man, as Hudson respectfully referred to him

the night before, broke a bunch of bats and was able to escape a bases-loaded, one-out situation in the second by allowing Danny Valencia's only sacrifice fly.

Pettitte spoke the day before about how, while he doesn't change his approach, these October appearances simply feel different to him. As one of the Yankees' famed Core Four, he sure would know. This was his 41st career postseason start and 19th win — both major league records.

After an outstanding first half, Pettitte strained his left groin muscle and missed two months until returning for three starts at the end of the regular season. His absence compounded concerns about the rotation, but after winning a so-so start by CC Sabathia in Game 1 and getting this vintage effort from Pettitte the Yankees so far don't look as though they'll be affected by any pitching problems.

Pavano walked Posada to start the seventh and thought he had Berkman struck out on a 2-2 pitch that appeared to be a strike, but Berkman sent a long drive to center and Posada raced around the bases.

Gardenhire was steamed, so he lured Wendelstedt to the mound during an extended conversation with his players — then got tossed after barking at Wendelstedt on his way back.

Pavano allowed 10 hits and four runs in six innings.

Many of the fans proudly wore their pregame giveaways — fuzzy black stick-on replica mustaches in honor of Pavano's appearance. He started strong, but the Yankees were sure on the ball in the fourth. Granderson crushed a leadoff double and scored on

Alex Rodriguez's sacrifice fly. Even the inning-ending double-play ball hit straight back to Pavano by Nick Swisher was scalded.

Before the game, Gardenhire acknowledged this was a "do-or-die" game for his team, which fell to 2-11 against the Yankees in four division series since 2003. The look changed — they wore their 1961 throwback uniforms — but the plot didn't.

So famously unflappable at home while winning the 1987 and 1991 World Series at the Metrodome, the Twins have now sent their fans home disappointed from a postseason game 10 straight times. Their last win was Game 1 of the AL championship series in 2002. Though early-inning 1-0 deficits are hardly a hurdle for any team, the Yankees have continued to make coming back a routine while the Twins can't break their bad habit. They don't have a comeback victory in any of their last 22 postseason games, dating to Game 4 of the 2002 ALDS.

In their previous seven postseason losses to the Yankees, the Twins went ahead in each one. The Yankees outscored them 37-7 from the point of their biggest lead. The Twins struck first against Pettitte, but not long after the Yankees started their attack.

Even Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" — the ballad played often here after the seventh inning — didn't generate much of a buzz. The crowd of 42,035 even emitted some boos after Berkman's homer, another sign of how easily deflated these fans have become while watching their Twins lose game after game after game to the modern-day Bronx Bombers. □



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Young's 3-run HR helps Rangers beat Rays again

By FRED GOODALL

AP Baseball Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Two dominating pitching performances and a long home run by playoff neophyte Michael Young have the Texas Rangers on the verge of winning a postseason series for the first time.

Young hit a three-run homer one pitch after keeping his at-bat alive with a disputed check-swing, helping C.J. Wilson and the AL West champions beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-0 Thursday for a 2-0 lead in their AL division series.

Texas is the only current major league franchise that's never won a playoff series. After winning consecutive games on the road, that can change with one victory when the best-of-five matchup shifts to Rangers Ballpark this weekend.

Game 3 is Saturday, with Matt Garza pitching for Tampa Bay against Colby Lewis.

Ian Kinsler also homered for the Rangers, who are in the playoffs for the first time since 1999 and hadn't won a postseason game in 14 years before Cliff Lee shut down the sputtering Rays in their home park on Wednesday.

Wilson was equally impressive, allowing two hits in 6 2-3 innings. He gave up a single to leadoff man Jason Bartlett to start the game, then limited the Rays to just three baserunners on an error, a walk and a hit batter over the next five innings.

Willy Aybar doubled in the seventh for the second hit off the Texas starter, who departed with runners at second and third. Darren O'Day struck out pinch-hitter Matt Joyce, and Darren Oliver got four outs to finish the two-hitter before a sellout crowd of 35,535.

Long known for fielding powerful lineups, the Rangers finally look as though they have the arms to match.

"The story today was our pitching," Young said.

The Rays, whose .247 batting average was the lowest for an AL club that made the postseason since the 1981

Oakland Athletics, were held to eight hits in two games at Tropicana Field, where they had one of the best home records in the league this season.

Texas pitchers fanned 23 batters in two days, which is not surprising. Tampa Bay's 1,292 strikeouts this season were the most by a major league team that reached the playoffs.

Young, in the playoffs for the first time after 10-plus seasons with Texas, broke the game open with a 431-foot shot to center field off Chad Qualls, who thought he had struck out the six-time All-Star on a 2-2 pitch. Plate umpire Jim Wolf — the brother of Brewers pitcher Randy Wolf — appealed to first base ump Jerry Meals, who ruled that Young held up in time.

Rays players were incensed on the bench, and replays showed that Young probably went too far.

After the home run on the next pitch for a 5-0 Rangers lead, Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon left the dugout to talk with Qualls. Maddon yelled at Meals from the mound and was ejected by Wolf when the plate umpire arrived at the huddle.

"Once he said safe, I've got to turn the page and focus on the next pitch," Young said. "It's really not my job to make decisions there."

Maddon also disputed a crucial



Texas Rangers' Michael Young, right, checks his swing in front of Tampa Bay Rays catcher Kelly Shoppach and umpire Jim Wolf during the fifth inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Rays manager Joe Maddon would argue the call of a ball and Young would hit a three-run home run on the next pitch.

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call early in Wednesday's 5-1 loss to Lee. Plate umpire Tim Welke said a pitch hit Carlos Pena's bat with the bases loaded in the first inning, ruling it a foul tip. Maddon unsuccessfully argued that Pena was hit by the pitch.

Tampa Bay failed to score when Pena and Rocco Baldelli struck out.

Kinsler homered in the fourth off losing pitcher James Shields, who got the Game 2 assignment for Tampa Bay

even though he lost 15 games during the regular season and hadn't won since Aug. 29. The right-hander allowed four runs and four hits over 4 1-3 innings.

Kinsler also had an RBI single off Qualls in the fifth.

With the Rays facing a lefty starter for the second straight day, Maddon held the struggling Pena out of the lineup. Wilson has been extremely tough on left-handed batter this season, and Pena — whose

.196 batting average was the lowest among all major league qualifiers — went 0 for 3 with three strikeouts against Lee on Wednesday. The Rangers manufactured a run in the third. Matt Treanor was hit by a pitch, moved from second to third on an infield single and scored when Shields made an errant pickoff throw. The right-hander tried to pick off Elvis Andrus at first base, but the throw hit Andrus and skipped into foul territory. □

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Larsen congratulates Halladay on second postseason no-hitter

NEW YORK – Don Larsen was watching the news Wednesday night when he saw an item of particular interest. His most exclusive of clubs had just picked up another member.

Larsen saluted Roy Halladay on Thursday for becoming the second pitcher to throw a no-hitter in the postseason, telling The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was happy for the Philadelphia Phillies right-hander.

“Quite a nice effort he had,” Larsen said. “You have to give him credit for that.”

Halladay recorded his second no-hitter of the season in a 4-0 victory Wednesday against the

Cincinnati Reds in Game 1 of the NL division series. The 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29.

Larsen tossed a perfect game for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers, for more than five decades the only playoff no-hitter.

“You work hard for certain things,” Larsen said. “I guess if you work hard enough good things are going to happen to you and it did for me and Halladay. You have to appreciate these things because you never know what’s going to happen in the future.”

Larsen, who turned 81 in August, and Halladay had almost identical numbers in their postseason gems. Larsen struck out seven in New York’s 2-0 victory in Game 5, and Halladay had eight Ks and one walk in his playoff debut against Cincinnati.

The 54th anniversary of Larsen’s perfect game is this Friday.

“It was just a great day. I think about it every day,” Larsen said. “No one has to remind me what happened. I was just happy to be a part of it with the New York Yankees and against Brooklyn in the World Series, everybody was watching.” Both Halladay



This Oct. 8, 1956, file photo, shows New York Yankees pitcher Don Larsen throwing against the Brooklyn Dodgers, enroute to a perfect game in the fourth inning of Game 5 of the World Series, in New York. Roy Halladay threw the second no-hitter in postseason history, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 in Game 1 of the NL division series on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010. Larsen is the only other pitcher to throw a postseason no-hitter.

and Larsen heaped praise on their catchers. Halladay said Carlos Ruiz helped him get into a rhythm early and Larsen said Hall of Famer Yogi Berra played a key role in his masterpiece. “I couldn’t have done it without Yogi,” Larsen said. “He was a hell of a catcher. He deserves a lot of credit for it.” □



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Barcelona beat Lakers 92-88

JOSEPH WILSON

Associated Press Writer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Juan Carlos Navarro's game-high 25 points helped Barcelona beat the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 92-88 in an exhibition on Thursday.

Spanish center Pau Gasol led the Lakers with 24 points but had only one field goal in the second half. His homecoming was spoiled by the Euroleague champion in a game that lived up to the billing of an informal intercontinental showdown. "You always want to win, but it was an emotional game," Gasol said. "The fans enjoyed it, and the atmosphere was spectacular. We lost, but when your friends win you have to be happy for them."

The Lakers let slip a 12-point advantage in the second half, and from 72-72 midway through the fourth quarter Barcelona outplayed them.

"They played much better in the fourth quarter," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, ruing

his team's turnovers. "We anticipated they would not take a back seat and that they would be very physical. They did a good job doubling Pau in the second half and making him go to the foul line for his points."

Kobe Bryant played 25 minutes, compared to six on Monday in a loss versus the Minnesota Timberwolves, as he recovers from knee surgery.

The Lakers star scored 15 points but went 2 for 15 from the field and missed two 3-pointers with a chance to tie the game with under a minute to play.

Bryant said his knee was feeling good, but Jackson said his guard played above his fitness level.

"He is not ready to play. He went out there to show his goodwill for the fans and to support his team," Jackson said.

With the loss to the Timberwolves, the NBA champions head home with a

0-2 preseason record.

Pete Mickeal tallied 24 points and Terrence Morris chipped in with four 3-pointers for the Euroleague titleholders.

From the moment he stepped on the court, Gasol was the center of attention, receiving a constant barrage of camera flashes throughout warmups, and a roaring standing ovation when he addressed the crowd before the game.

"It was a wonderful feeling to be so well supported and appreciated after so many years playing abroad, and I am very proud to have been received in this way," Gasol said.

Bryant and Barcelona's stars Ricky Rubio and Navarro also drew huge applause when they were introduced.

"The first thing you noticed was the crowd," Bryant said. "It was great to see a packed house."

Despite the festive atmosphere in the stands, neither team played like it was merely an exhibition. Three technicals



Los Angeles Lakers player Pau Gasol, right, drives for the basket against FC Barcelona's Roger Grimau, left, during the NBA Europe Live 2010 Tour in Barcelona, Spain, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010.

Associated Press

Tarver ready to throw down with the big boys

By DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Antonio Tarver could feel the difference when he started sparring with the big guys. Round after round, punch after punch, he was taking a heavyweight thumping. "Even when they don't punch, 230 pounds, they really get you," Tarver said, laughing at the kind of punishment that would make most men cringe.

The former light heavyweight champion will debut in boxing's former glamour division next weekend, when he fights Nagy Aguilera at Buffalo Run Casino in Miami, Okla. It'll be the first time that Tarver steps into the ring in more than a year, when he couldn't stay with the younger and faster Chad Dawson in a loss that left him pondering retirement or a move to heavyweight.

He chose the latter, and at least a couple times during camp has regretted it.

"I'm fighting longer, harder, really feeling strong," Tarver said in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday. "But man, I came out with a few bumps and bruises."

In many ways, Tarver is poking fun at himself. But he turns serious when he talks about his future, and his goal of challenging the brothers Klitschko and their heavyweight supremacy.

Tarver had been working as a boxing analyst for Showtime, showing a natural ability to break down what's happening in the

ring while looking effortless in front of a camera. But being so close to the action was intoxicating for Tarver, who beat Montell Griffin more than seven years ago to win his first 175-pound title. It wasn't long before Tarver wanted back in the game.

"That weight class has been beautiful for me, I accomplished a lot, so I'm not going to look back and say I regret anything," he said. "I did it until I could no longer do it comfortably. I had a choice to continue or retire. My choice was to do it at heavyweight."

"If I'm going to do it, do it big. I've always been a dreamer."

It's been five long years since Tarver was at the top of the boxing hierarchy, when his back-to-back victories over Glen Johnson and Roy Jones Jr. branded him the best at 175 pounds. He lost to Bernard Hopkins in a lopsided unanimous decision, then rattled off three wins against overmatched opponents before dropping his last two fights to Dawson. In both of those matchups, Tarver lost at least nine rounds on two of three scorecards.

Tarver insists he now feels better than ever. He doesn't have to worry about cutting weight for the first time in his career, losing 20 or more pounds in just a few weeks. He can focus entirely on eating well and training, building muscle to bang with the heavyweights while working on his stamina in the hopes of wearing them down with speed in the later rounds. □

would be called before it was over.

Navarro admitted it was not a "pretty" game.

"It was physical, and despite the fact we missed a lot of outside shots, we held on to get the win," Navarro said.

The Lakers went right to Gasol from the opening tip. He scored the game's first basket, a baseline jumper, and he notched his 10th point in six minutes to give the Lakers an early 18-12 lead.

Navarro took charge for Barcelona, scoring nine in the first quarter. He assisted Erazem Lorbek for a 3-pointer to tie it at 20-20, and a free throw by Mickeal gave the home team a one-point lead with 2:07 to play in the first. Barcelona extended its lead to 30-26 in the opening minutes of the second, as the Lakers struggled to score with Gasol on the bench.

Rookie Devin Ebanks scored four straight points — a layup off a pass by Gasol and two more from the foul line after he

rebounded his own free throw miss — to put the Lakers in front 37-36. But back-to-back 3-pointers by Navarro and Morris sent Barcelona into the break up 45-44.

The celebratory atmosphere did not stop the crowd from jeering the referees when they called a technical on Navarro for protesting a foul on Bryant, who converted the three free throws to put the Lakers in front 53-47 early in the third.

A steal and slam by Ron Artest capped a 17-4 run by the Lakers to take a 61-49 lead midway through the third. But Barcelona responded and outscored the visitors 18-7 to move ahead 68-67 before Gasol completed a three-point play to reclaim a two-point advantage heading into the final period.

A Mickeal 3-pointer put Barcelona ahead 84-78 with under three minutes to go.

The Lakers scraped back to within two points, but Navarro sealed the win from the free-throw line. □



Tiger Woods of the U.S. smiles as he watches play on the third day of the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

BANGKOK (AP) — Tiger Woods will play in a one-day skins tournament in Thailand next month, returning to his mother's home country for the first time in 10 years. Organizers announced

Thursday that Woods will play in the Nov. 8 event that is part of celebrations to mark King Bhumibol Adulyadej's 60th year on the Thai throne. It will be staged at the Amata Spring Country Club in

Associated Press

FAMILAR TRAP *Continued from Page B1*

A few hours later, Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire got tossed from the Yankees-Twins game for arguing a ball-strike call.

The problems began Wednesday night when Yankees right fielder Greg Golson swooped in and clearly made a terrific catch on a sinking line drive by Delmon Young. But right fieldumpireChrisGuccione, working his first postseason game, ruled Golson had trapped the ball.

Golson, manager Joe Girardi and the Yankees argued. The six-man crew huddled, then let the call stand. It became moot — sort of — when Jim Thome popped out on the next pitch to seal the Yankees' 6-4 win over the Twins.

"We don't comment on judgment calls," umpiring supervisor Larry Young said after the game at Target Field.

Said Golson: "I'm just glad it didn't end up costing us. It was a really big play."

Added Girardi: "It's not like they were out of position or anything. They hustled out there. It just happens."

Maybe too much, some

say. Just ask the Rays, who were infuriated by calls in the first two games of their series against Texas.

The Rangers appeared to catch a mini-break in Game 1 when plate umpire Tim Welke ruled Cliff Lee's first-inning pitch to Tampa Bay slugger Carlos Pena hit the knob of the bat for a foul tip. The Rays argued unsuccessfully that the ball hit Pena, and replays indicated the pitch sailed untouched into the catcher's glove.

Pena and Rocco Baldelli struck out, leaving the bases loaded, and the Rays lost 5-1.

"I believe it speaks to the point of the fact that you're to see more discussions and eventually the implementation of more instant replay in our game," Maddon said before Game 2, pointing to the two close calls Wednesday. "I just think, again, those two plays in particular, are going to speed up, expedite the discussion. I think you're going to see something in the near future, possibly even in the next season. I'm sure it's going to be well thought out."

Maddon was incensed

Tiger to play in Thailand for 1st time in 10 years

Chonburi, a seaside province southeast of Bangkok, and comes the day after the HSBC Champions tournament in Shanghai.

Paul Casey of England, Camilo Villegas of Colombia and Thailand's top player, Thongchai Jaidee, will also compete for the total prize money of \$300,000.

A 14-time major winner, Woods is without a tournament victory this year after being out for nearly four months in the wake of the infidelity scandal that ended his marriage and marred his image.

Woods, an American whose

mother is Thai, last played in Thailand in 2000, winning the Johnnie Walker Classic. He also won the inaugural event in 1998.

Woods made his Thai debut in winning the 1997 Asian Honda Classic, receiving a \$480,000 appearance fee and being met with "Tigermania" from large crowds following him. He also received a royal decoration and was feted by the prime minister.

"Thailand has treated us very well," Woods said at the time. "I don't know why but I feel like I'm home. I hope I will be back soon."

Woods went on to win his first major that year at the Masters, his first of four and setting a tournament record by finishing at 18 under. That deepened the admiration for the then 21-year-old player among Thai golfers, such as Suntorn Jarumon.

"Americans like to say he's American. Blacks like to say he is black. But Thais are proud of him as an Asian, and he is definitely Thai," Suntorn said then. "As long as he doesn't have woman problems or money problems, he should be around for a long time to come." □



Home plate umpire Hunter Wendelstedt throws out Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardenhire during the seventh inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series against the New York Yankees, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

Girardi and the Yankees benefited when a fly ball by Minnesota star Joe Mauer landed a foot or two in fair territory, only to be called foul.

Major League Baseball began trying replay on a limited basis in late 2008, using it only to review potential home runs. By that point, the NFL, NBA, NHL, NCAA and Grand Slam tennis all employed some form of video review. "The human element's always going to be there," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said Thursday. "Replay? I don't know. We've talked about a lot of different things. I like the game as it is. If they can

help the guys out, make it easier and get calls right and figure a way to do it in a short time, then good for them. Last night, that one worked out for us. It didn't work for us last year. It goes that way all during the course of the year. You just have to live with it."

Last month, Commissioner Bud Selig was emphatic: no extra replay in this postseason.

Selig said he'd talked it over with his blue-ribbon panel of managers, management and ownership.

"I don't get the feeling that there's a lot of support for it, at least their conversations with me," he said at the time. □

Report: Virus, fungus new suspects in bee disease

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Researchers have a pair of new suspects in the mysterious collapse of honey bee colonies across the country.

The widespread damage to the bees has caused concern because the insects are needed to pollinate scores of crops.

Researchers say samples collected from hives affected by the syndrome indicated the presence of a virus as well as a fungus. The two pathogens were not found in bee colonies not affected by the syndrome, called colony collapse disorder, the researchers reported in Wednesday's edition of the journal PLoS ONE.

"We truly don't know if these two pathogens cause CCD or whether the colonies with CCD are more likely to succumb to these two pathogens," Jerry J. Bromenshenk of the University of Montana said in a statement.

Previous studies have looked at the possibility of multiple viruses found in the bee colonies

as well as the potential harm from pesticides, but researchers have yet to pin down an exact cause.

The new study said the suspect virus is insect iridescent virus, which is similar to a virus first reported in India 20 years ago, as well as a virus found in moths.

They said it affects the abdomens of bees, and the tissues may take on a bluish-green or purplish hue. The fungus is called *Nosema ceranae*, and this can sicken bees if they ingest the spores. Robert Cramer, a pathologist at Montana State University in Bozeman said, "There seems to be a correlation between the presence of these two pathogens together. We envision the bee gets an infection from one or the other, and this causes the bees to become stressed, which then allows the second infection to come in and more effectively cause disease."

The analysis of the bees was done at the Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. □



FILE - Partially dissected honeybees are seen at the United States Department of Agriculture's Bee Research Laboratory, in this April 25, 2007 file photo taken in Beltsville, Md. Researchers say samples collected from hives affected by the syndrome indicated the presence of a virus as well as a fungus. The two pathogens were not found in bee colonies not affected by the syndrome, called colony collapse disorder, the researchers reported in the Wednesday Oct. 6, 2010 edition of the journal PLoS ONE.

(AP Photo/Haraz N. Ghanbari)

Scientists find 200 new species in Papua New Guinea



SYDNEY (AFP) — Scientists on Wednesday unveiled a spectacular array of more than 200 new species discovered in the Pacific islands of Papua New Guinea, including a white-tailed mouse and a tiny, long-snouted frog.

The survey of remote New Britain island and the Southern Highlands ranges, accessible only by a combination of small

plane, dinghy, helicopter and foot, found an exciting range of new mammals, amphibians, insects and plants.

"To find a completely new genus of mammal in this day and age is pretty cool," said lead researcher Steve Richards of the new mouse species discovery.

"I mean, people have heard of birds of paradise and tree-

climbing kangaroos and stuff, but when you look even closer at the small things you just realise that there's a staggering diversity out there that we really know nothing about," he told AFP.

Papua New Guinea's jungles are one of just three wild rainforest areas, along with the Amazon and the Congo basin, left in the world and Richards said they were a vast "storehouse" of biodiversity, with scores of new species found by his Conservation International team.

The "very, very beautiful mouse", the two-centimetre (0.8 inch) long-snouted frog and another with bright yellow spots were among the highlights, but the expedition documented 100 new species in each of the spider and insect orders alone, he said.

"I would say that pretty much no matter where you go in New Guinea you're guaranteed to pick up new or poorly known spectacular species," said Richards, an expert in frogs and reptiles who is based in Cairns, Australia.

"For some lesser known groups only half of the things that we document actually have names, we aren't even a fraction of the way there," he added.



The rugged, mountainous and largely inaccessible terrain meant biologists had not even been able to enter some regions and Richards said there were "large areas of New Guinea that are pretty much unexplored biologically".

Sample animals were taken of a number of species, including the mouse, and genetic testing had confirmed that it was not

related to any known creature, he said.

"These kind of discoveries are almost kind of a good news story amongst all the gloom," he said, referring to the creeping extinction of other creatures.

"There really are spectacular species still out there and there really is a potential for things to survive." □



FBI seizes John Lennon fingerprints before auction



John Lennon buttons are seen for sale at a vendor's cart near the Strawberry Fields section of New York's Central Park, October 6, 2010. Lennon, who was shot and killed outside his residence at the nearby Dakota building on December 8, 1980, would have turned 70 years old on October 9, 2010.

NEW YORK — A set of John Lennon's fingerprints being auctioned for at least \$100,000 was seized by the Federal

Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday 30 years after the singer's death.

The 1976 signed application for Lennon's U.S. citizenship was one of the hallmarks of about 850 celebrity items in an online sale timed around Lennon's 70th birthday on Saturday.

The fingerprint card was being shown to media at a midtown New York store early Wednesday in an auction preview of more than 90 Beatles items when the FBI faxed a subpoena there and took the card.

Lennon was born in Liverpool, England and had been

investigated by the FBI in the early 1970s for anti-war activity.

Peter Siegel, co-founder of GOTTA HAVE IT!, the shop selling the fingerprint card, said he was bewildered by the FBI action and interest during the week also by Homeland Security.

"This great icon has been deceased for 30 years," he said. "This is not a national threat."

The card was consigned to the shop by a well-known promoter who bought it about 20 years ago, Siegel said.

In a week-long discovery,

Siegel said the FBI, "with a sense of urgency," was concerned with whether the card had been part of Lennon's file and was lost or missing.

"We're investigating how the item came to be in a private collection," FBI spokesman James Margolin said. "It is apparently a government document and would not normally be in the commercial stream."

Lennon's 1970s immigration attorney Leon Wildes told The New York Times that the fingerprint form was among papers in his possession that were missing after a 1976 television appearance. □

Mario Vargas Llosa wins Nobel literature prize

By **KARL RITTER**
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STOCKHOLM — Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa won the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday as the academy honored one of the Spanish-speaking world's most acclaimed authors and an outspoken political activist who once ran for president in his tumultuous homeland. Vargas Llosa, 74, has written more than 30 novels, plays and essays, including "Conversation in the Cathedral" and "The Green House." In 1995, he won the Cervantes Prize, the most distinguished literary honor in Spanish.

He is the first South American winner of the prestigious 10 million kronor (\$1.5 million) Nobel literature prize since Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez won in 1982 and the first Spanish-language writer to win since Mexico's Octavio Paz in 1990.

"I am very grateful to the Swedish Academy. It is totally unexpected, a real surprise," Vargas Llosa told reporters in New York. "I think it is, for any writer, a great encouragement, a recognition of a world."

The Swedish Academy said it honored him for mapping the "structures of power and (for) his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt and defeat." Its permanent secretary, Peter Englund, called him "a divinely gifted storyteller" whose writing

touched the reader.

"His books are often very complex in composition, having different perspectives, different voices and different time places," Englund said. "He is also doing it in a new way, he has helped evolve the art of the narration."

Peru's president, Alan Garcia, praised Vargas Llosa for his "eminent intelligence" and "libertarian and democratic spirit."

"(This award is) an enormous act of justice that in truth we have been waiting for since our youth," Garcia said.

In the past six years, the academy had rewarded five Europeans and one Turk with the literature Nobel, sparking criticism that it was too Euro-centric. Last year's award went to German writer Herta and Paul Amirson.

The Swedish Academy has also previously been accused of favoring left-leaning writers, although the 16-member panel says its decisions are made on literary merit alone.

"I thought that the academy was not recognizing me but all Latin American literature," said Vargas Llosa, who had been mentioned as a possible Nobel candidate for many years.

He has previously won some of the Western world's most prestigious literary medals and his works have been translated into 31 languages, including Chinese, Croatian, Hebrew and Arabic.

His writing is almost

universally admired in Latin America but his gradual shift from the left toward an embrace of free-market capitalism has put him at odds with much of the hemisphere's intellectual elite.

Vargas Llosa has feuded with Venezuela's leftist President Hugo Chavez and often tosses barbs at Cuba's Fidel Castro. He irritated his centrist friend Paz, the late Mexican Nobel literature laureate, by playfully describing Mexico's political system — which was dominated at the time by a single party — as "the perfect dictatorship."

In a famous 1976 incident in Mexico City, Vargas Llosa punched out former friend Garcia Marquez, whom he would later ridicule as "Castro's courtesan." It was never clear whether the fight was over politics or a personal dispute and the two have reportedly not spoken in decades.

After the Nobel announcement, a comment on a Twitter account attributed to Garcia Marquez said "now we're even" in Spanish. However, Garcia Marquez's foundation in Cartagena, Colombia, said the Twitter account did not belong to the author.

There was no reaction to the award from Garcia Marquez, who rarely speaks to the media. Vargas Llosa has lectured and taught at a number of universities in the U.S., South America and Europe, and was spending this semester



Writer Mario Vargas Llosa speaks to reporters in New York, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010. Mario Vargas Llosa was awarded the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey.

Fellow Nobel laureate and Princeton faculty member Toni Morrison praised his selection as a "brilliant choice."

Jonathan Galassi, head of Vargas Llosa's U.S. publisher, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, called him "one of the world's greatest writers — an eloquent, unequalled champion of human freedom." Vargas Llosa emerged as a leader among the so-called "Boom" or "New Wave" of Latin American writers, bursting onto the literary scene in 1963 with his groundbreaking debut novel "The Time of the Hero" (La Ciudad y los Perros), which builds on his experiences at the Peruvian military academy Leoncio Prado.

The book won the Spanish Critics Award and the ire of Peru's military. One thousand copies of the novel were later burned by military authorities, with some generals calling the book false and Vargas Llosa a

communist.

The military academy "was like discovering hell," Vargas Llosa said later.

At 15, he was a night-owl crime reporter. Still in his teens, he joined a communist cell and eloped with 33-year-old Julia Urquidí — the Bolivian sister-in-law of his uncle. He later drew inspiration from their nine-year marriage to write the comic hit novel "Aunt Julia and the Script Writer" (La Tía Julia y el Escribidor).

After they divorced, Vargas Llosa in 1965 married his first cousin, Patricia Llosa, 10 years his junior, and together they had three children.

In the 1970s, he denounced Castro's Cuba and slowly turned his political trajectory toward free-market conservatism. Vargas Llosa drew his inspiration mostly from his Peruvian homeland, but preferred to live abroad in near self-imposed exile for years at a time.

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BUSINESS

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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, September 7, 2010.

Stocks dip after positive job news; Dow near 11K

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks dipped Thursday as traders balanced slightly better news on weekly unemployment claims against uncertainty about an upcoming monthly jobs report.

The Dow Jones industrial average came within two points of 11,000 before turning lower.

The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment insurance fell last week, a better result than analysts were expecting. Retailers including Macy's Inc., Abercrombie & Fitch and Limited Brands Inc. reported better-than-expected monthly sales, which initially provided a lift to the market.

The retail sales were positive, but "there's not enough to move the needle given that we've got the big jobs report tomorrow," said Hank Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Investments.

Many traders were holding back ahead of the release Friday of the government's closely watched monthly employment report, which is the most important event on the economic calendar and very often determines which way stocks and bonds will

trade. Economists expect the unemployment rate climbed to 9.7 percent last month from 9.6 percent in August.

Ed Crotty, chief investor officer at Davidson Investment Advisors, said there is a wide range of expectations for how Friday's jobs report might turn out. He said even upbeat results might not be enough to drive stocks significantly higher.

"If the number is good, there will be skepticism it's not sustainable," Crotty said. □

Unemployment claims drop, while job openings rise

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER,

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON

Applications for unemployment benefits fell last week for the fourth time in five weeks, a sign that layoffs are declining.

The Labor Department said Thursday that initial claims for jobless aid dropped by 11,000 to a seasonally adjusted 445,000. It's the lowest level since the week ending July 10 and down from 504,000 initial claims in mid-August — the high point for the year.

Economists were mildly encouraged by the drop. But they also pointed out that claims remain at an elevated level consistent with weak job growth. Employers aren't hiring enough to bring down the 9.6 percent unemployment rate.

"While it's comforting to see claims grinding lower, the fact is that they remain at levels that suggest continued sub-par job growth," Sal Guatieri, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to

clients.

In a separate report, the department said job openings rose in August for the second straight month to 3.2 million. Private sector openings increased to their highest level in 21 months. That could bode well for future hiring.

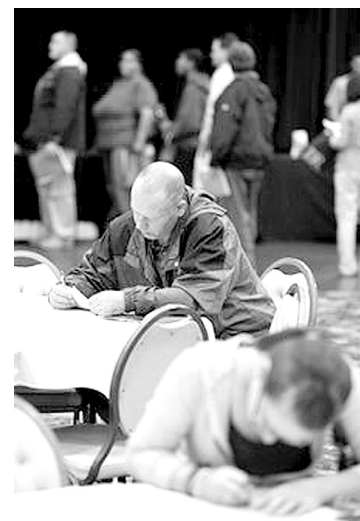
The department's Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey also said that private-sector layoffs plummeted to 1.6 million in August, the lowest monthly total in more than four years.

The stock markets were mixed after the release of the reports. The Dow Jones industrial average dipped 17 points, while the Nasdaq edged up.

Weekly unemployment applications have rarely fallen below 450,000 this year, and never for longer than two weeks. Economists say a sustained drop below 425,000 would signal employers are stepping up hiring.

The four-week average of new claims, a less volatile measure, dropped to 455,750, the sixth straight decline.

Separately, retailers reported



In this Oct. 5, 2010 photo, Jeff Wallin of Rockford, who has been unemployed for 6 months fills out a job application during a jobs fair sponsored by Scott Lee Cohen, Independent Candidate for Governor of Illinois, in Rockford, Ill. Applications for unemployment benefits fell last week for the fourth time in five weeks, a sign that layoffs are declining.

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surprisingly strong sales gains for September due to healthy back-to-school shopping. The results raised hopes for a positive holiday shopping season. □

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NY seeks to ban sugary drinks from food stamp buys



NEW YORK — Using food stamps to buy sodas, teas, sports drinks and other sugar-sweetened beverages would not be allowed in New York City under a new government effort to battle obesity. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. David Paterson announced Thursday that they are seeking permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the nation's food stamp program, to add sugary drinks to the list of prohibited goods for city residents receiving assistance.

If approved, it would be the first time an item would be banned from the federal program based solely on nutritional value.

Spending government money on "foods of little or no nutritional value not only contradicts the intent of the program, it also effectively subsidizes a serious public health epidemic," New York officials wrote in their proposal.

The idea has been suggested before, including in 2008 in Maine, where it drew criticism from advocates for the poor who argued it unfairly singled out low-income people and risked scaring off potential needy recipients.

In 2004, the USDA rejected Minnesota's plan to ban junk food, including soda and candy, from food stamp

purchases, saying it would violate the Food Stamp Act's definition of what is food and could create "confusion and embarrassment" at the register.

New York City Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said he believes New York's request has a better chance of being approved than the "skinny" 2004 Minnesota program because it focuses only on beverages.

He said it also has the advantage of being a temporary program with an evaluation plan to study its effectiveness.

USDA spokesman Aaron Lavalley said Thursday the agency received the proposal and will consider it.

The food stamp system, launched in the 1960s, serves some 40 million Americans per month and does not currently restrict any food item based on nutrition.

Recipients can essentially buy any food for the household, although there are some limits on hot or prepared foods. Food stamps also cannot be used to buy alcohol, cigarettes or items such as pet food, vitamins or household goods. The ban would apply to any beverage that contains more than 10 calories per 8 ounces, except for milk products, milk substitutes like soy milk and rice milk, and fruit juices without added sugar.

A 20-ounce sugar-sweetened drink can contain the equivalent of as many as 16 packets of sugar.

Some New Yorkers who receive the assistance said officials had good intentions but felt the proposal went too far.

"I can see the sodas, but suppose somebody's in bad shape and they just want juice?" said Harold Vilson, a 56-year-old Brooklyn resident who said he uses food stamps. "If people want to buy that stuff, they should be able to. If it's not an illegal product, they should be able to buy what they want to buy."

The program would be temporary, so officials could study its effects over two years. It would apply only to food stamp recipients in New York City 1.7 million of the city's more than 8 million residents and would not affect the amount of assistance they receive.

"Sugar-sweetened drinks are not worth the cost to our health, and government shouldn't be promoting or subsidizing

them," said Bloomberg, who also has outlawed trans-fats in restaurant food and has forced chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus. In fiscal year 2009, New Yorkers received \$2.7 billion in food stamp benefits and spent \$75 million to \$135 million of that on sugary drinks, the city said. Officials said stores that participate in the food stamp program would be responsible for enforcing the ban.

They acknowledged the possibility that food stamp users could travel outside city limits to buy the prohibited drinks. Advocates for the poor expressed alarm about the proposal, which the New York City Coalition Against Hunger said "punishes poor people for the supposed crime of being poor."

"It's sending the message to low-income people that they are uniquely the only people in America who don't know how to take care of their family," said Joel Berg, the group's executive director.

In New York, a proposal to adopt a penny-per-ounce tax on sweetened soda failed to get out of the state Legislature earlier this year; Bloomberg backed the state proposal. □

"The problem isn't that they're making poor choices, the problem is that they can't afford nutritious food."

There still are many unhealthy products New Yorkers could purchase with food stamps, including potato chips, ice cream and candy. Officials said the proposal targets sugary drinks because they are the largest contributor to obesity.

More than half of adult New York City residents are overweight or obese, along with nearly 40 percent of public school students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

City officials said lower-income residents are most likely to drink one or more sugar-sweetened drinks a day; adult-onset diabetes is also twice as common among poor New Yorkers compared to the wealthiest.

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Games backs safe sex despite plumbing problems

NEW DELHI — Commonwealth Games chief Mike Fennell said he was happy to see competitors engaging in safe sex at the athletes village even if it caused problems with the plumbing.

Reports claimed that thousands of used condoms had been clogging up the toilets at the village, which is home to 7,000 competitors. "This shows that athletes are being responsible and are promoting safe sex," said Commonwealth Games Federation president Fennell on Thursday.

The Daily Telegraph reported a condom vending machine had been installed at the village, containing around 4,000 contraceptive packs. □



Provocative Putin calendar provokes retort

By Steve Gutterman

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Some were bearing gifts for Vladimir Putin’s 58th birthday on Thursday -- others bared their flesh.

Several female journalism students from a prestigious Russian university posed in slinky lingerie for a calendar filled with warm -- sometimes steamy -- birthday greetings for the prime minister.

The calendar is the latest and one of the flashiest pieces of publicity for Putin, who has assiduously developed a manly image by posing shirtless on horseback, stalking a tiger through Siberian forests and climbing into jet-plane cockpits.

It drew swift and severe criticism from a separate group of journalism students from Moscow State University.

Hard to find in stores but splashed widely across Moscow’s tabloids, the cheesecake calendar features a photograph of a woman for every month in 2011, each with a word bubble addressing Putin.

“Vladimir Vladimirovich, WE LOVE YOU!” reads the cover, which shows a close-up of a woman’s chest above barely concealed cleavage.

“You only get better with the years,” third-year Moscow State University journalism student Nastya Klabukova, posing in a black-and-teal bra and panties, says on the September page.

“The fires are out, but I’m still burning,” the March model says -- a risque reference to wildfires that killed more than 50 Russians this summer, and which Putin helped fight by dropping water from a plane.

In a retort, other journalism students from the same school posted a calendar with photos depicting them in dark clothing, their mouths

taped, with captions asking questions about issues that are the focus of criticism of Putin and his era.

“Who killed Anna Politkovskaya?” one asks -- a reference to the unsolved slaying, on Putin’s birthday in 2006, of an investigative journalist who exposed human rights abuses.

“When will (Mikhail) Khodorkovsky be freed?” asks another about an imprisoned oil tycoon whose fraud and tax evasion trial was seen by Kremlin critics as a punishment for challenging Putin.

Critics have accused Putin, who was president in 2000-2008 and has hinted he may return to the Kremlin in a 2012 election, of encouraging a personality cult.

Technically subordinate to the successor he steered into the presidency in 2008, Dmitry Medvedev, Putin is widely believed to be the final arbiter of Russia’s policy.

Putin and his spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment about the calendar. Its creators said they had not consulted with Putin’s office or anyone else in politics before publishing the calendar.

“We wanted to create a colorful project and at the same time make a present for his birthday,” Vladimir Tabak, a co-head of the publishing company that put out the calendar, told Reuters. Tabak said he and colleagues at the company, Fakultet, are graduates of the Moscow State University journalism department but that the calendar had no connection with the department.

A spokeswoman for the department told Ekho Moskv radio that it was “tactless” of the publisher to use the department’s name for the calendar, but that the students would face no punishment. □

MARIO VARGAS

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In 1990, he ran for the presidency in Peru on a pro-business ticket during the height of the bloody Maoist Shining Path insurgency but lost badly in a runoff to a virtually unknown academic, Alberto Fujimori.

On Thursday, Vargas Llosa said he never wanted to be a politician but felt it was an “obligation for a writer to participate in public debate.” “I became a candidate because of various circumstances in my country,” he said. “We had terrorism, we had civil war, we had high inflation.”

Disheartened by the broad public approval for Fujimori’s iron-fisted rule, Vargas Llosa again left his homeland and took Spanish citizenship, living in Madrid and London. He maintained a penthouse apartment in the Peruvian capital of Lima overlooking

its Pacific coast, but tended to keep a low profile during visits home long after Fujimori fled to Japan in 2000, toppled by vast corruption in his government.

In 1994, Vargas Llosa became the first Latin American writer to be elected to the Spanish Academy, where he took his seat in 1996.

“Spain has been very generous with me,” Vargas Llosa said in a radio interview in Peru. “I wrote and published my first stories there.”

The 2010 Nobel Prize announcements began Monday with the medicine award going to British professor Robert Edwards for fertility research that led to the first test tube baby.

Russian-born scientists Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov won the physics prize for groundbreaking experiments with graphene, the strongest and thinnest

material known to mankind.

The chemistry award went to American Richard Heck and Japanese researchers Ei-ichi Negishi and Akira Suzuki for designing techniques to bind together carbon atoms.

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Report: Majority of Children Have Online Presence Before Age Two

Leslie Horn

While their parents' first steps might be recorded in tattered old photo albums and VHS tapes, the lives of the today's kids are increasingly documented online.

According to a study by Internet security company AVG, 81 percent of kids under the age of two have some kind of presence online, and within the first few weeks of life, a third of kids have information and photos posted on the Web.

"Our research shows that the trend is increasing for a child's digital birth to coincide with and in many cases pre-date their real birth date," AVG

chief executive JR Smith said in a statement. "A quarter of babies have sonogram photos posted online before they have even physically entered the world."

The study was conducted by Research Now and it polled 2,200 mothers with children under two throughout the developed world. Children in the U.S. have the earliest online presence with 92 percent of kids showing up on the Web by the time they're two. However, most mothers had the same reason for documenting their kids' lives in the cloud. More than 70 percent said it was to share images with family and friends, so it's easier for

grandma to see that first smile first hand, whether she lives down the street or thousands of miles away.

About 7 percent of babies and toddlers have had their parents secure them an e-mail address, while 5 percent have a social-networking page. The study showed moderate concern for privacy; on a scale of one to five, with five being very concerned, the average was 3.5.

It's common for someone to have a Facebook profile that dates back several years nowadays. But the world's youngest kids just might have a profile that spans their entire lives. □

AP-mtvU Poll: Technology brings connection, stress

By ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON

Technology has become so entwined with college students' often frantic lives that most in a new survey say they'd be more frazzled without it.

Yet The Associated Press-mtvU Poll, released Thursday, also found that being perpetually connected comes at a cost. While 57 percent of students said life without computers and cell phones would make them more stressed, a significant number — 25 percent — said it would be a relief. A big majority

feel pressured to instantly answer texts or voice mails, most get nervous if someone doesn't immediately reply to a message, and nearly half worry whether messages they get are jokes.

"If you're without it, you're disconnected," Megan Earley, 20, a junior at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., said of technology. "You feel like it's a lifeline."

The Internet's central role for many students was underscored last month when Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University freshman, leaped to his death from the George Washington Bridge

after others secretly webcast his sexual encounter with another man. News reports said Clementi left a note on his Facebook page reading, "Jumping off the gw bridge sorry." The AP-mtvU Poll of more than 2,000 college students, conducted before Clementi's death became public, found that 9 in 10 had been on a social networking site like Facebook in the past week. About the same number routinely text to arrange meetings with friends and two-thirds relax by watching movies or TV shows online. On a deeper level, many use technology to emit cries for help. □

Yahoo revs up search results in turnaround quest



The logo of Yahoo! at a trade fair. Yahoo!, seeking to maintain its hold on the display advertising market, announced Tuesday that it had acquired Dapper, a company that creates the interactive Web advertisements.

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE,
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo Inc. is jazzing up its Internet search results in an effort to orchestrate a revenue revival.

The additional features were beginning to appear Thursday on Yahoo's U.S. website.

The new tools are designed to get people to the information they seek more quickly, especially when searching about entertainment, sports and major events.

Some of these shortcuts have already been available on Yahoo, but now there will be even more options and snapshots featured in capsules appearing at the top of the results page.

More marketing messages, including the online billboards known as display ads, may also crop up on

searches that appear to be spurred by a quest to buy merchandise.

Yahoo hopes to distinguish itself from its Internet search partner, Microsoft Corp.'s Bing, by making its own results more useful.

Although it's relying on Microsoft for most of its search results to save money, Yahoo still has the ability to dip into its own bag of technological tricks.

Standing apart from Bing is important to Yahoo because it only gets a cut of ad revenue from searches that are done on its site. Yahoo keeps \$88 of every \$100 from search advertising clicked on its site, with the rest going to Microsoft. All the ad revenue from searches done on Bing goes to Microsoft.

Yahoo needs to do something different because its ad revenue from searches has been steadily declining. Through the first half of this year, Yahoo's revenue from search ads totaled \$674 million, an 11 percent drop from last year.

That erosion has contributed to financial funk that has battered its stock price and recently raised doubts about the turnaround plan drafted by Yahoo CEO Carol Bartz, who took the job 21 months ago and negotiated the Microsoft alliance.

The partnership was spurred by the dominance of Google Inc., which has established itself as the Internet's most powerful and prosperous company. □

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Peruano Vargas Llosa gana Nobel de Literatura 2010

El novelista pensó que era broma

LIMA (Reuters) - El escritor peruano Mario Vargas Llosa expresó sorpresa por haber obtenido el jueves el Premio Nobel de Literatura 2010 y hasta pensó que le jugaban una broma cuando supo la noticia, que era festejada en toda América Latina y España.

El novelista preparaba una de las clases que imparte en la Universidad de Princeton en Estados Unidos cuando lo llamaron desde Estocolmo para notificarle que, después de años de haber sido una especie de candidato eterno, había ganado el Nobel y que en “14 minutos” lo sabría el mundo entero.

“Hace muchos años que yo estaba seguro de que no era candidato (...) de tal manera que la sorpresa ha sido total, tanto que esta mañana creí que podría ser una broma llamada de ese señor que me dijo que era el secretario general” de la Academia Sueca, relató en una conferencia de prensa.



El novelista peruano ganador del premio Nobel de Literatura 2010, Mario Vargas Llosa, durante una conferencia en Nueva York. Oct 7 2010. REUTERS/Jessica Rinaldi

El escritor de 74 años aseguró desde Estados Unidos que recibir el galardón no cambiará su estilo ni los temas que aborda en sus obras y ratificó que seguirá escribiendo hasta el “último día” de su vida.

Asimismo, afirmó que el premio es un reconocimiento a la literatura latinoamericana “que en las últimas décadas ha venido adquiriendo una

especie de ciudadanía en el mundo”.

El escritor de “La ciudad y los perros” se unió el jueves al grupo de latinoamericanos como el mexicano Octavio Paz, el colombiano Gabriel García Márquez y el chileno Pablo Neruda, reconocidos con un Nobel de Literatura.

En Perú, la reacción a la noticia fue casi inmediata

y el presidente Alan García catalogó el premio como un “acto de justicia” a sus 50 años de trabajo.

“Es un gran día para el Perú (...) Mario Vargas Llosa con toda justicia y hace mucho tiempo merecía esta distinción universal”, dijo García durante una ceremonia.

“Ha transmitido a través de su obra su esencia de pensador democrático y esencialmente libertario”, agregó. En Chile, el presidente Sebastián Piñera, y en México, el mandatario Felipe Calderón, felicitaron al literato vía Twitter, describiéndolo como un “orgullo latinoamericano”. Al otro lado del Atlántico, el rey Juan Carlos también felicitó al que catalogó como un “amigo” de España, con cuyanacionalidad cuenta desde 1993. En sus declaraciones, Vargas Llosa precisamente reconoció que “España me ayudó a convertirme en autor, en escritor, y me ayudó a que

se me leyera en gran parte del mundo”.

España concedió al escrito peruano importantes premios como el Cervantes en 1994.

DEFENSOR DE LA LIBERTAD A CAPA Y ESPADA

El hijo de Vargas Llosa también destacó la dedicación de su padre a la defensa de la libertad. “Es muy importante en un continente donde la libertad no está resuelta, y hasta donde tuvo retrocesos. Mi padre es un escritor que ha dedicado su vida a la literatura y ha defendido las libertades a capa y espada”, dijo Alvaro Vargas Llosa a una radio de Buenos Aires.

Además de las letras, ha dedicado parte de su vida a la política y la defensa de los derechos humanos, especialmente en Perú, que fue asolado en las décadas de 1980 y 1990 por los ataques casi a diario de la guerrilla Sendero Luminoso.

El novelista hasta postuló sin éxito a la presidencia en 1990, cuando ganó Alberto Fujimori, actualmente preso por abusos a los derechos humanos cometidos durante su Gobierno.

En su juventud abrazaba ideas de izquierda, pero desde la década de 1970 renegó de la revolución comunista del cubano Fidel Castro después de que el Gobierno de la isla caribeña obligara al poeta Heberto Padilla a hacer una autocritica. El escritor es considerado ahora como un conservador.

Fiel a sus posturas políticas, Vargas Llosa también suele fustigar al la “revolución socialista” que dice llevar adelante el presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez. “Es un premio literario y espero que me lo hayan dado por mi obra literaria más que por mis opiniones políticas. Ahora, si mis opiniones políticas en defensa de la democracia, de la libertad, en contra de las dictaduras han sido tomadas en cuenta pues en buenahora”, afirmó el escritor. □

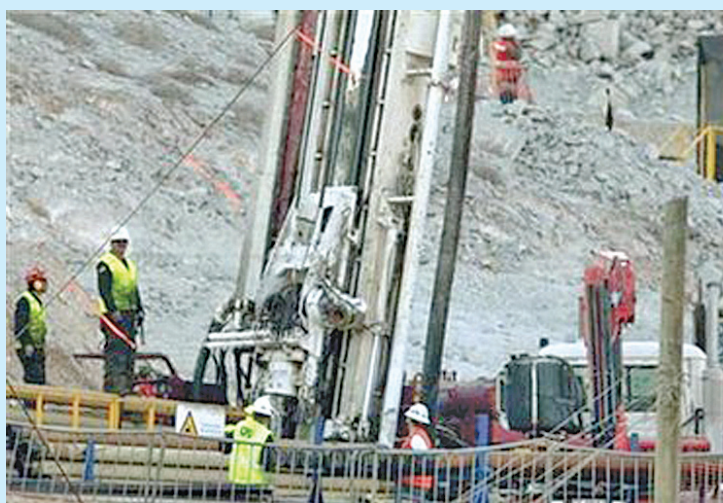
Chile deja puerta abierta a acelerar rescate de 33 mineros

COPIAPO, Chile (Reuters) - Una de las máquinas que perfora más de 600 metros para rescatar a 33 mineros atrapados desde hace más dos meses en el norte de Chile completaría su trabajo lo más pronto el sábado, aunque el Gobierno mantiene viva la esperanza de adelantar el ansiado momento. El ministro de Minería, Laurence Golborne, explicó el jueves en el polvoriento campamento Esperanza, en las afueras de la mina, que pese a la ansiedad que crece entre reporteros y familiares de las víctimas, lo más factible es que aún resten dos días para que el martillo de la perforadora llegue al punto trazado. La máquina más avanzada está a unos 100 metros de su objetivo, dijo el ministro a periodistas.

“Esperemos que llegue a los 630 metros o un poco menos que tiene como objetivo dentro del fin de semana, presumiblemente el sábado”, dijo Golborne.

“Yo creo que esta noche sería muy difícil que efectivamente rompiéramos (llegar al punto fijado), pero con un poco de suerte se podrá adelantar del sábado al viernes, pero ya veremos lo que ocurre”, agregó.

Con esas palabras, el ministro echó por tierra especulaciones de que la perforadora ya había llegado a destino la madrugada del jueves, versión que aceleró movimientos de la prensa local y de las grandes cadenas globales de noticias, que montaron alrededor de la



Trabajadores operan la máquina que perfora para rescatar a los mineros atrapados en la mina San José en Copiapó. Oct 6 2010. REUTERS/Luis Hidalgo

mina una enorme oficina virtual para llevar al mundo la cobertura del “milagro”.

No obstante, los familiares se mostraron esperanzados porque la operación avance más rápido de lo previsto.

“Les dimos las gracias a los rescatistas porque son los que van a sacar a nuestros mineros (...). Ya están en 550 metros. Hoy dormimos tranquilos. Pero hay sorpresas para mañana”, dijo la esposa de uno de los atrapados mientras reía nerviosa. □

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